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Bruce Smith, one of the founders of Jager Smith, oversees the firm's Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group and Litigation Group. Bruce has over thirty years of experience dealing with corporate bankruptcy, restructuring, bankruptcy litigation, and other insolvency related matters. Bruce has played an active role in the firm's representation of debtors, creditors' committees, asset purchasers, and other parties in corporate restructurings.

After law school, Bruce served as a law clerk to the Honorable M. Joseph Blumenfeld, the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. After completing his clerkship and prior to forming Jager Smith, Bruce served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, where he prosecuted numerous criminal cases, represented the United States in numerous civil cases, and was the Chief of the Environmental Litigation Section, playing an instrumental role in the drafting of the Endangered Species Act.

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

- Represented the post-confirmation Liquidating Supervisor in the liquidation of a technology company where litigation recovered a substantial dividend for unsecured creditors.
- Served as lead counsel for a manufacturer, distributor and supplier of concrete and aggregate products in its Chapter 11 case, and in that capacity negotiated and closed the sales of substantially all of its assets to strategic buyers.
- Represented the debtor and the equity interests trustee in an extraordinary Chapter 11 case that paid all creditors' claims in full and paid \$17 million to equity holders.
- Successfully challenged the security interests claimed by a Chapter 11 debtor's equipment lenders in certain of the debtor's assets, leading to a significant dividend paid to the unsecured creditors.
- Handled extensive construction litigation as special counsel to the Chapter 7 trustee of a construction company.
- Represented an international law firm in its dissolution and the sale of portions of its practice.
- Acted as counsel to the official creditors' committee in the Chapter 11 case of the largest contractor on Boston's "Big Dig" project.
- Counseled numerous debtors in reorganization cases involving substantial real estate assets.
- Represented a significant demolition contractor on Boston's "Big Dig" project in connection with criminal investigations concerning the use and disposal of hazardous materials, guided the client through the removal and remediation process, and resolved the criminal charges.
- Served as lead counsel for the official creditors' committee in a case involving check kiting and fictitious sales used to defraud banks and creditors.
- Represented a mortgage origination and servicing organization in its Chapter 11 case.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts; United States District Court, District of Massachusetts; United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- State of New York; United States District Courts, Southern, Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts of New York; United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- State of Connecticut; United States District Court, District of Connecticut
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Turnaround Management Association
- Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors
- Boston Bar Association
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- New York Institute of Credit

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Named as a "Super Lawyer," *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*, 2004-2008

EDUCATION

- Cornell Law School, Juris Doctor, 1969
- Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts, 1966

HONORS

- Associate Editor of the *Cornell Law Review*
- Member of *Phi Kappa Phi*
- Member of the Order of the Coif
- Charles Evans Hughes Fellow

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, *Kicking Over the Chessboard: Everything a Civil Litigator Needs to Know When Another Party Files Bankruptcy*, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 2006
- Moderator, *Post-Chapter 11 Strategies*, New York Institute of Credit, 2006
- Panelist, *Non-Bankruptcy Alternatives*, American Bankruptcy Institute Northeast Conference, 2001