

Johnny A. Mueller Speaks on Out-of-Court Restructuring Panel at 21st Annual TMA Northeast Regional Conference



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Lippes Mathias LLP partner Johnny A. Mueller, leader of the firm's financial restructuring & insolvency practice team, served as a panelist at the 21st Annual Turnaround Management Association (TMA) Northeast Regional Conference, held Aug. 19-20, 2026, at the Saratoga Casino Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York. Lippes Mathias also sponsored the conference's opening reception.

Mueller spoke on the Aug. 20 panel "Beyond Bankruptcy: Practical Strategies for Out-of-Court Restructuring and Recovery." The panel examined out-of-court restructuring tools, including Article 9 remedies and negotiated workouts, and other strategies that can preserve value, reduce costs, and create better outcomes for distressed businesses. Panelists shared real-world examples and actionable insights for lenders, advisors, attorneys, and operators navigating the current credit and recovery environment.

About Johnny A. Mueller

Mr. Mueller, a Partner with Lippes Mathias and Leader of the firm's [Financial Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Team](#), concentrates his practice on all aspects of financial reorganization, restructuring and insolvency, including:

- Asset Acquisition – representing buyers of assets in both Chapter 7 and 11.
- Debtor Counsel – serving as debtor counsel to clients in bankruptcy courts throughout New York State.
- Creditor & Interested Party Counsel – serving as counsel to creditors and other interested parties in bankruptcy courts throughout the U.S. on asset protection and recovery, and the pursuit of secured, administrative and unsecured claims.
- Chapter 15 – U.S. counsel to foreign-based corporate debtors and creditors.
- Committee Counsel – representing an entire pool of unsecured creditors in Chapter 11 matters.
- Credit Risk Management – working with corporate controllers and accounting departments to address troubled accounts and customers.
- UCC Interests & Asset Sales – establishing and perfecting security interests, conducting and participating in Article 9 sale of assets.
- Loan Workouts, Private Restructuring & Debt Negotiation – serving as counsel to debtors, lenders and other creditors in the restructuring of operations and debts outside of bankruptcy.
- General Creditor's Rights & Collections – any industry in court and outside of court.

He also handles litigation matters in the state and federal/bankruptcy courts involving small and large businesses, professional service providers, and financial institutions. Additionally, Mr. Mueller assists clients as corporate transaction counsel providing input and expertise regarding deal structure, default terms and limitations, and risk management.

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