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**John J. Rapisardi** is a partner in O'Melveny' & Myers New York office and Co-Chair of the Global Restructuring Practice. He has 30 years of domestic and international debtor and creditor restructuring experience across a variety of industries, including automotive, energy, casinos, chemical, healthcare, retail, real estate, satellite, sports franchises, textile and telecommunications.

John specializes in leading large, complex financial restructurings that involve multiple legal disciplines. His experience in advising debtors in this regard includes: Olympia & York, Drexel Burham & Lambert, and LyondellBassell. John also advised the U.S. Treasury during the 2008 financial crisis as part of the Automotive Task Force which dealt with the restructurings of General Motors, Chrysler and Delphi, among others. John's experience in Puerto Rico include advising Caribbean Petroleum on its financial restructuring and an investor in acquiring out of bankruptcy a large uncompleted condominium project in San Juan.

Consistently commended as one of the leading restructuring lawyers in the US, John has been recently described by *Chambers USA* as a "tremendous lawyer" who is "well regarded in the industry", and *Chambers USA* praises John's approach to both company and creditor-side transactions as "very measured, smart, diligent and thoughtful." For his representation of the US Treasury in the Chrysler, General Motors and Delphi restructurings, *Chambers USA* described John as a "go-to attorney on behalf of the US Treasury." Upon completion of the Task Force assignment, John represented the U.S. Treasury in the CIT restructuring and in several bank insolvency receivership cases.

Similarly the *US Legal 500* named John among their Elite Leading Lawyers and noted that he is "a superb tactician," "a first rate restructuring lawyer - he combines knowledge of the law with the correct demeanor necessary to press his client's agenda without allowing his ego to interfere with success," and "a very smart strategic thinker." *The Best Lawyers in America* selected John as a leading lawyer in Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization, Bankruptcy Litigation. John also worked closely with the Chinese government 2005 to 2007 in the drafting of the Enterprise Bankruptcy law which became effective on June 1, 2007. John is a member of the American College of Bankruptcy (ACB), an honorary professional and educational association of tenured and highly regarded bankruptcy and insolvency professionals.

For the past eighteen years, John has been a regular bankruptcy columnist for the *New York Law Journal*, having authored over 100 articles. John has also co-authored an extensive treatise on the Chinese Commercial Enterprise and Court system and has written and lectured extensively on the key aspects of the Brazilian bankruptcy code and its impact on U.S. investors. In addition, John has written extensively on chapter 9 issues.