

# **Duane Morris Welcomes Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring Partner Morris S. Bauer in Newark**

Morris S. (Mo) Bauer has joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the firm's Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring Practice Group in its Newark, N.J., office. Prior to joining Duane Morris, Bauer was a member at Norris McLaughlin, P.A.

"We are pleased to welcome Mo to Duane Morris, where he will add to our firm's robust bankruptcy, financial restructuring and business reorganization capabilities," said Duane Morris Chairman and CEO Matthew A. Taylor.

"Mo adds significant depth to the scope of services of our Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring Practice Group," said James J. Holman, co-chair of the Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring Practice Group. "Mo is a problem solver, with strong relationships in key markets and a range of industries," added Meagen E. Leary, co-chair of the Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring Practice Group.

"Mo's presence allows Duane Morris to continue to provide top-level bankruptcy advice to our New Jersey clients. We're pleased that Mo selected Duane Morris for the next phase of his career," said Gregory R. Haworth, managing partner of Duane Morris' Newark office.

Bauer has represented debtors, creditor committees, banks and other secured creditors, trade creditors, and landlords in

Chapter 11 proceedings and is a New Jersey bankruptcy mediator. Businesses he has represented in Chapter 11 proceedings include a multistate nonprofit behavioral and mental healthcare facility, a regional supermarket chain, a national distributor of electronics, residential developers and income-producing property owners, construction contractors and small businesses. Bauer has also been appointed by the court as a Chapter 11 trustee, a liquidating trustee, an assignee for the benefit of creditors and a bankruptcy mediator.

In addition to his bankruptcy practice, he has represented banks, equipment lessors and one of the nation's largest utility providers in commercial foreclosure and commercial collection matters. Bauer has been an instructor for the New Jersey Skills and Methods Course and the New Jersey Bankruptcy Inn of Court, and a panelist for the annual New Jersey Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and local bar associations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"Duane Morris has a strong reputation for delivering successful results for clients, and the firm provides a terrific platform to expand and enhance my practice. I am excited to be part of an organization with a clear vision for growth and collaboration," added Bauer.

Bauer is a graduate of Hofstra School of Law (J.D., 1988) and Dickinson College (B.S., 1985). He is vice chairman of the Washington Township, Morris County Zoning Board of Adjustment. Bauer served as a member of the Washington Township Economic Development Committee from 1996 to 2003 and was president of the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey. He is a corporate advisory board member of Homeless Solutions, Inc. and a board member of Team for Kids Foundation, Inc., a non-profit that provides funding for children of low-income families to play team sports.