

# Hogan Lovells Adds Business Restructuring and Insolvency Partner

Hogan Lovells announced that David Simonds has joined the firm's Business Restructuring and Insolvency practice as a partner based in the firm's Los Angeles office.

Simonds joined the firm from Akin Gump, where he has served as a partner since 2004, having joined as an associate in 2000.

In a release, the firm said he has more than 25 years of experience representing debtors, official and informal creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors, asset purchasers and other parties in interest in chapter 11 cases, out-of-court restructurings, cross-border insolvencies, and transactions. He recently served as lead bankruptcy counsel to the owner of films and associated rights that were the subject of a complex licensing/distribution arrangement with The Weinstein Company.

He also recently represented a group of private placement noteholders in a successful cross-border, out-of-court restructuring through which his clients acquired a majority equity ownership of the Savers and Value Village retail chains, one of the largest thrift store operators in the United States and Canada, by equitizing their notes and making a substantial new money investment.

Simonds received his B.S., summa cum laude, in Accounting in 1989 from the State University of New York at Albany, and his J.D. in 1992 from the New York University School of Law, where he was an editor of the Annual Survey of American Law. He is also a certified public accountant.

