

Kurt Ramlo Joins DLA Piper's Restructuring Practice in Los Angeles

Veteran Restructuring Attorney Strengthens Firm's Global Restructuring Capabilities

(Los Angeles) June 23, 2010 – DLA Piper announced today that Kurt Ramlo has joined the firm's Restructuring practice as of counsel in the Los Angeles office.

Ramlo provides restructuring advice to business organizations facing financial distress. His practice includes guiding organizations through out-of-court and Chapter 11 reorganizations, as well as related transactions and litigation. He routinely provides advice on structuring cutting-edge transactions on behalf of public and private debtors, foreign representatives, shareholders, plan sponsors, third-party acquirers, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, and postpetition lenders, as well as other restructuring professionals.

"Kurt is a well respected and highly experienced restructuring lawyer," said H. Jeffrey Schwartz, partner and Chair of DLA Piper's Restructuring Practice. "He will undoubtedly be a valuable asset to our clients and will further strengthen the restructuring capabilities of the firm regionally, nationally and globally."

Previously, Ramlo worked for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as Counsel. A former assistant US attorney, he also has extensive trial and commercial litigation experience in bankruptcy and federal district courts.

Ramlo is a member of the Turnaround Management Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum.

He received a J.D. from the University of California, Davis and a B.M., *cum laude*, from California State University, Northridge.

About DLA Piper's Restructuring Group

DLA Piper's Restructuring Group is well positioned to meet the ever-increasing needs of major companies and financial institutions. With more than 200 lawyers globally, the group provides comprehensive restructuring services to clients both in and out of court. DLA Piper's lawyers work with clients to develop strategies to respond to financial distress, restructure debt obligations or obtain corporate control. Throughout the recent financial crisis, the group has been heavily involved in dozens of major restructuring matters, including significant engagement related to the Lehman Brothers and Washington Mutual chapter 11 cases.

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