

Hughes Hubbard Names Two New Bankruptcy Partners and One Financial Litigation Partner

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New York, NY, February 1, 2010 — Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP has elected bankruptcy partners Patrick Gartland and Christopher Kiplok and financial litigation partner Neil Oxford in its New York office. The firm also named three new counsel.

New Partners

Patrick Gartland focuses on domestic- and foreign-debt restructurings and finance. At Hughes Hubbard, he has advised financial institutions in connection with several successful debt restructurings, including Société Générale, as administrative agent, in connection with the credit bid for an ethanol facility and the refinancing of a credit facility for a natural gas and electricity provider; WestLB AG in connection with several real estate securitizations; and Rabobank in connection with the bankruptcies of several ethanol producers. His finance practice focuses on representing financial institutions in connection with Latin American borrowers, including repurchase agreements and loan facilities. Gartland, 35, joined Hughes Hubbard in 2008 when the firm acquired the New York bankruptcy, creditors rights and finance firm Luskin, Stern & Eisler where Gartland was an associate from 2002 to 2008. Previously he was an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP. He received his B.S. from the University of Scranton in 1996, *summa cum laude*, and his J.D. in 1999 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he was editor of the *Law Review*.

Christopher K. Kiplok concentrates his practice in bankruptcy and corporate reorganization, including representation of creditors, debtors and trustees, and litigation, including professional liability and complex financial and securities litigation. Kiplok is counsel and principal deputy to the Trustee for the liquidation of Lehman Brothers Inc., where he oversees all administrative matters in the case. He has previously represented the Trustee for the A.R. Baron and New Times Securities liquidations and represented the largest individual customer of Refco Capital Markets, Inc. He has also recently represented an affiliate of Sun Capital Partners as secured lender and stockholder in the Lillian Vernon chapter 11, Aetna Inc. and affiliates in the Enron reorganization, and various other institutions in connection with judicial, out-of-court and cross-border restructurings. His litigation practice includes representation of trustees of trusts established to resolve hundreds of thousands of asbestos personal injury claims and representation of Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers in civil litigation and regulatory matters and disputes concerning derivative instruments and financial products. Kiplok, 35, is Chairman of the Advisory Council to Greenwich House, Inc., a New York City charity, and is a recipient of *inMotion's* commitment to justice award for his *pro bono* representation of victims of domestic violence. He received a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, in 1997, and a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 2000.

Neil Oxford focuses his practice on litigation, business disputes and professional liability. He has represented Deloitte, Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers in a broad range of civil litigation and regulatory matters, including securities fraud, malpractice and RICO issues. He is



currently representing the Trustee for the liquidation of Lehman Brothers Inc., in a dispute arising from the sale of the bankrupt broker-dealer in September 2008. He has also represented Merck in its defense of Vioxx and Fosamax product-liability litigation. Oxford, 37, received his LL.B. (with First Class Honors) from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland in 1994, and his LL.M. (with First Class Honors) from the University of Cambridge, England in 1996. Prior to joining Hughes Hubbard & Reed in 2001, he qualified as solicitor in Scotland and practiced business litigation at Maclay Murray & Spens LLP in Glasgow. He is also founder and Secretary of the Scottish Bar Association of New York.

New Counsel

Eric Blumenfeld joined Hughes Hubbard in 2005. Working in the firm's New Jersey office, he focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and products liability. His experience includes defending a leading United States pharmaceutical manufacturer in nationwide litigation involving a prescription drug and representing a leading products-testing laboratory in disputes related to product recalls. He also has expertise in leveraging technology to increase lawyer efficiency in multiple-case litigation. Blumenfeld, 42, received a B.S. Ch.E. from Johns Hopkins University in 1989, a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University in 1990 and a J.D. from the Rutgers School of Law — Newark in 1998. He was Managing Articles Editor of the *Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal*. He also served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Naomi G. Eichen, Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, from 1998 to 1999.

George Douvas concentrates his practice in equipment finance with a focus in aviation finance. He represents major and regional airlines in financing transactions, including secured debt transactions, operating leases, leveraged leases, enhanced pass-through certificate transactions and manufacturer purchase agreements. He also has broad experience in representing financial institutions in connection with secured and unsecured credit facilities and is currently representing James Giddens, the SIPA Trustee of Lehman Brothers Inc., in the unwind of financial products, including foreign exchange, securities lending and repurchase transactions. Douvas, 37, received his B.S. from Vanderbilt University in 1994, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1999.

Eric Parnes, who is based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, is a member of the firm's litigation practice. His experience includes the defense of a leading pharmaceutical manufacturer in nationwide false-claims act and consumer-protection litigation, representation of defendants in securities class actions and other shareholder litigation, representation of parties in commercial and international arbitration, and appellate advocacy in state and federal appellate courts. Parnes, 35, received his B.A. from the University of Maryland at College Park in 1999 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, in 2002, *cum laude*. He was also Articles Editor of the *Georgetown Law Journal*.

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, an international law firm based in New York, is ranked #1 in New York and #2 nationally on *The American Lawyer's* A-List of the "top firms among the nation's legal elite." *The American Lawyer* also ranked the firm #4 in "Top Growth Firms" among the nation's 200 largest firms over the last 10 years.

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