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Nate guides clients through out-of-court reorganizations, contingency planning, pre-bankruptcy planning, and chapter 11 proceedings.

Nate focuses his practice on all aspects of corporate restructuring, including bankruptcy proceedings, out-of-court reorganizations and workouts, distressed debt acquisitions and bankruptcy-related litigation. Nate's clients include distressed companies, secured and unsecured creditors, sponsor entities, purchasers of distressed assets, and other constituents in connection with in-court and out-of-court restructurings.

Prior to entering private practice, he served as a term law clerk to the Honorable Stacey G. C. Jernigan at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (2020–2022).

Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., 2020)
- Bowling Green State University (B.S., Education, 2016)
  - *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Texas

Select Experience

- Twin Star International, Inc. as the stalking horse purchaser in the pre-arranged Chapter 11 Cases of Walker Edison Holdco LLC and certain of its affiliates in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. *
- Represented OYA Renewables and seven affiliates (collectively, "OYA") in their Chapter 11 cases pending in front of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. OYA developed large-scale commercial solar projects. The Court has approved the sale of substantially all of OYA's assets under Bankruptcy Code Section 363. *
- Represented Independence Contract Drilling, Inc. ("ICD") in its Chapter 11 pre-packaged restructuring process, lending to ICD successfully emerging as a private company that is financially and operationally stronger and well-positioned for the future. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas confirmed ICD's Plan of Reorganization in January 2025, only one month after the initiation of the Chapter 11 proceedings. *
- Counsel to Conn's Inc. and its affiliates, an iconic American appliance and furniture retailer throughout 16 states, in their Chapter 11 proceedings pending in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. As part of its restructuring,

Conn's was authorized to conduct store closing sales of approximately 550 retail stores, using proceeds to fund operations and repay its DIP financing. *

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

Clerkships

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Chief Judge Stacey G. C. Jernigan, 2020–2022

Additional Information

- Will Mall of America Appeal Decision Create Uncertainty for Buyers of Assets From Chapter 11 Debtors?, June 2023