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With decades of experience in finance and bankruptcy law, clients rely on Heidi not only as a legal counselor, but as a business advisor. She commits to understanding clients' unique needs and develops creative strategies in the best interest of their business objectives.

OVERVIEW

Heidi Sorvino has been the Managing Partner in the New York Office for White and Williams since 2021. Upon her arrival at the firm in 2017, she helped to successfully launch and culminate the Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice in New York and she is nationally recognized by her clients and peers as a leading lawyer in the practice of financial restructuring and bankruptcy. She is also Chair of the Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice, where she has demonstrated a strong command of business finance and bankruptcy law through decades of experience counseling clients dealing with distressed debt. She concentrates on corporate restructurings, complex bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings. Drawing on skills developed during her graduate studies in clinical social work, Heidi partners with clients to fully understand their needs and goals to develop personalized and creative strategies to address issues. Heidi is widely respected for her client service and responsiveness.

Heidi represents creditors and debtors through all phases of bankruptcy proceedings both inside and outside of the courtroom. She is appointed to serve as a Subchapter V and Chapter 11 trustee, managing the affairs of a debtor's business through its financial restructuring and resulting bankruptcy proceedings. Heidi has conducted numerous mediations in Chapter 11 cases. She also represents distressed companies, creditors, insurance companies, financial institutions, hedge funds, distressed-debt investors, and indenture trustees through negotiations to avoid the courtroom and to understand changing and emerging legal/regulatory issues. She has been at the forefront of bankruptcy law for more than 34 years representing clients in prosperous economies, during difficult financial times and everything in between.

PRACTICES

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy
Finance
Real Estate
Commercial Litigation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

New York
New Jersey
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

EDUCATION

St. John's University School of Law, JD, 1989
New York University, Graduate School of Social Work, MSW, 1985
Hamilton College, BA, 1983

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bankruptcy Institute
Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors (AIRA)
Chairperson for Turnaround Management Association, New York City Chapter
International Women's Insolvency and

Heidi is well known for her ability to articulate and address complex business issues. She is frequently called upon by international news agencies to discuss cutting edge issues in corporate turnarounds and restructurings. She has appeared as a guest on *Reuters Television*, *Bloomberg TV*, and *Fox Business News*. She has also been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Crain's New York Business*, and *Dow Jones Newswire*.

Heidi brings an honest toughness to matters and is well respected by her peers. Her strength and candor are recognized with high ratings in Martindale-Hubbell, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and "Super Lawyers," amongst others. Beyond her client work, Heidi takes an active role in mentoring junior lawyers and members of the professional community and is a force on the golf course. She brings to her work the determination and perspective of being a mother of four, being one of six siblings, and being brought up by a mom who was one of seven women in medical school in the 1950s.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Heidi Sorvino was selected as a Trailblazer for *ABF Journal's* inaugural *Legends and Leaders 2025* issue. Heidi was one of the few women chosen to be recognized for this first-time release by *ABF Journal*.

She has been named as one of the Leading Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring lawyers in the United States by *Lawdragon* for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Heidi is AV® Preeminent rated by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating system. Since 2013, she has been recognized since for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and is recognized by *Super Lawyers*.

In 2014, she delivered the commencement address and was awarded a Doctor of Laws Degree, *Honoris Causa*, from the College of St. Elizabeth for her commitment to the practice of law and promoting women as full partners in the workplace.

Heidi is actively involved in the business community and was added to the Board of the Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors (AIRA) (2025). She was named Chairperson of the Turnaround Management Association's (TMA) New York City Chapter (2023). She is an Associate member of the National Association of Federal Equity Receivers (NAFER) (2025). Heidi is immediate past President of the TMA NYC Chapter (2022) and prior to this served as President Elect (2021). She served on the TMA's Global Board of Trustees, as General Counsel of the TMA New York City Chapter, as Co-Chair of the New York Chapter of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, and as

Restructuring Confederation

National Association of Federal Equity
Receivers (NAFER)

a board member of the Ameritrans Capital Corporation. Heidi has also presented at TMA's Restructuring BootCamp on May 7-8, 2025, in Tennessee and on November 2, 2022, in Boston.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Successfully negotiated the resolution of a \$16 million adversary proceeding, including outstanding taxes and litigation, filed by a Chapter 11 trustee

Represented stalking horse bidder at 363 sale of a debtor's business, the second largest U.S. supplier of decorative fabrics and furniture to the design industry, in Chapter 11 case

Appointed Chapter 11 Trustee by the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, successfully closing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy sale and removal of a shareholder of a defaulted borrower from a New York City property

Represented largest unsecured creditor in Central District of California Subchapter V case in which settlement payment resulting from litigation was due to our client

Negotiated successful disposition of medspa business which paid off restructured indebtedness

Successfully represented nursing home debtors in a Connecticut Chapter 11 proceeding, including defense of attacks from the Department of Labor, secured creditors and labor unions

IN THE NEWS

Heidi Sorvino Recognized as One of the 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers
Lawdragon 500, 3.17.26

Super Lawyers Names Five White and Williams LLP Attorneys to its Metro New York Lists
Super Lawyers, 11.7.25

Congratulations 2025 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
6.16.25

White and Williams Partner, Heidi Sorvino, Recognized as a Trailblazer by ABF Journal
5.19.25

White and Williams Appoints Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Practice Group Leadership
1.22.25

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 49 White and Williams Attorneys
8.15.24

Congratulations 2024 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
6.6.24

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 45 White and Williams Lawyers
Firm News, 8.18.23

Heidi Sorvino Named as one of the 2023 Leading Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Lawyers by Lawdragon
News, 6.17.23

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
5.25.23

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White And Williams Lawyers
Firm News, 8.18.22

Congratulations 2022 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
7.13.22

Heidi Sorvino Elected President of TMA New York City Chapter
1.5.22

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.1.21

White and Williams Announces New Office Managing Partners
10.5.21

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 38 White and Williams Lawyers
8.19.21

Heidi Sorvino Appointed President-Elect of the Turnaround Management Association's New York City Chapter
1.4.21

EVENTS

Heidi Sorvino Moderates Pathways to Leadership at the 2025 TMA NOW Summit
May 7-8, 2025
(Nashville, TN), 5.7.25

Heidi Sorvino Speaks at TMA's Annual Conference in Philadelphia
October 15-18, 2024
Philadelphia, PA, 10.15.24

Heidi Sorvino Presents at IWIRC's 31st Annual Fall Conference
September 17-18, 2024
(Seattle, WA), 9.17.24

How Do You Solve A Problem Like Office?
The 24th Annual U.S. Real Estate Opportunity & Private Funds Investing Forum, 6.20.24

Recapitalization: What Works, What Doesn't, and Why
American Bankruptcy Institute: Distressed Real Estate Symposium (Ojai, CA), 5.1.24

TMA Now Power Hour: Inspiring Women in Turnaround and Restructuring
Virtual, 3.14.24

Going Green: Laws, Claims and Valuation
Turnaround Management Association Mid-Atlantic Symposium, 6.15

PUBLICATIONS

Rite Aid Files a Thousand Preference Actions
Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Alert, 11.5.25

The \$75 Million Subchapter V Debt Limit Should be Reinstated
American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, 2.21.25

White and Williams NY Office Head Named Bankruptcy Chair
Law360, 1.24.25

Heidi Sorvino Recognized as One of the 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers
6.26.24

Benefits of Subchapter V Under the Bankruptcy Code to Private Equity Funds in Managing Distressed Assets (Update)
Originally Drafted for EisnerAmper, 5.3.24

An Easy Financing Source Pushes Some Small Businesses Into Bankruptcy
The Wall Street Journal, 2.19.24

Benefits of Subchapter V Under the Bankruptcy Code to Private Equity Funds in Managing Distressed Assets
Originally drafted for EisnerAmper, 12.3.22

In Session With Bankruptcy Judge Shelley C. Chapman feat. Managing Partner Heidi Sorvino
Podcast Episode, 11.21.22