

Chris Ferazzi Discusses How M&A Lawyers Are Pivoting to Bankruptcy Work

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Partner Chris Ferazzi was quoted in the SNL Financial article “Energy M&A Lawyers Prepare for Pivot to Bankruptcy Work as E&Ps Teeter” published on March 4. The article discusses how the expected decline in the pace of billion-dollar acquisitions is causing many energy M&A lawyers to find work with bankruptcy attorneys as more exploration and production (E&P) firms restructure their books and prepare for pre-negotiated bankruptcies.

Mr. Ferazzi described how M&A lawyers can negotiate the transaction and work with ongoing creditors in the event of a distressed sale.

“Consolidation [between a distressed target and another entity] in an attempt to reduce costs and operating expenses based on synergies is guidance an M&A lawyer can provide,” he said.

Based in the firm’s Houston office, Mr. Ferazzi focuses on M&A, private equity, and venture transactions, board and special committee advisory matters, formation and structuring of joint ventures and strategic alliances, particularly in the energy industry, and representation of management groups. He has significant experience in middle market private company acquisitions and divestures in a broad range of industries.

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