



# PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Banking and Finance

Commercial Lending

Distressed Debt

#### **EDUCATION**

Duke University School of Law (J.D., 1997) University of Pennsylvania (B.A., *cum laude*, 1994)

# Robert Lah

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Robert Lah focuses his practice on representing financial institutions as agents and lenders in agented and bilateral commercial finance transactions and loan restructurings, and representing banks, hedge funds and other financial institutions in the secondary loan trading markets, including domestic and international credits.

#### Commercial Finance:

Mr. Lah helps structure complex lending transactions and drafts and negotiates loan agreements, intercreditor and subordination agreements, and other loan documents, including mortgages, security agreements and guarantees in connection with diverse financial services, including acquisition financing, asset-based (borrowing base) lending, mortgage secured facilities, liquidity facilities, standby and support letter of credit facilities in connection with bond issuances, and intermediary lending. He also represents these clients through forbearance and restructuring. Mr. Lah also reviews and negotiates credit agreements for banks that are syndicate members in large syndicated facilities. He has assisted global and regional banks and other financial institutions in providing financing to companies in a wide variety of industries including manufacturing; retail; media; mutual funds and other investment companies; insurance companies; law firms, consultants and other professional services; universities; internet technology; real estate development; and not-for-profit.

# Secondary Market:

Mr. Lah has represented hedge funds, banks and brokers in connection with hundreds of transactions involving the sale of distressed loans governed by LSTA and LMA documentation, including purchase and sale agreements, participations, proceeds letters, and netting agreements. He also represents clients in the purchase and sale of bankruptcy claims, including drafting and negotiation of sale agreements.

# Representative Matters

- Represented a foreign financial institution in the negotiation of the settlement of ISDA transactions with Lehman entities involving over \$300,000,000 of claims.
- Represented a bank as agent and lead lender in an \$80,000,000 syndicated revolving credit facility to a newspaper publisher.
- Represented an international bank in connection with a \$294,000,000 letter of credit facility securing the monetization of certain real estate holdings.
- Represented a financial institution in connection with a \$95,000,000 revolving credit facility to a mutual life insurance company.
- Represented banks as providers of support letters of credit in connection with numerous bond issuances valued from \$1,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

### **ADMISSIONS**

New York, 1998

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

New York State and American Bar Associations.