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#### **Bar Admission**

Alberta 2006

#### Law School

University of Alberta

#### **Practices**

Bankruptcy & Restructuring
Litigation and Dispute Resolution

#### Industries

Energy & Resources
Oil & Gas

Walker MacLeod is a partner in our Bankruptcy & Restructuring Group. He practices in both Calgary and Vancouver, acting for senior and junior creditors, debtors, receivers, monitors and trustees in a wide range of corporate insolvency, restructuring and workout related matters.

Walker has acted in numerous large and complex restructuring and insolvency cases, including multiple transactional reorganizations with a cross-border or international component. He has represented senior secured lenders, debtors and Canadian court-appointed monitors in concurrent CCAA and US Bankruptcy Code restructuring proceedings and Canadian court-appointed receivers in concurrent BIA receivership and US Bankruptcy Code liquidation proceedings. He routinely acts for parties seeking to acquire assets from insolvent entities in CCAA or BIA sale and investment solicitation processes and has represented borrowers, lenders, court-officers and successful bidders in contested CCAA plan of arrangement and BIA and CCAA sale approval applications. In addition, he also has experience advising on reorganizations involving the recapitalization of debtors through the refinancing of secured and unsecured debt obligations occurring by way of plan of arrangement transactions under applicable business corporation legislation. Through his practise Walker has been involved in reorganizations of debtor entities in the oil and gas, energy service, real estate, mining, construction, information technology, capital markets and retail sectors.

Walker is the past president of the Turnaround Management Association (Northwest Chapter), and is a member of the Canadian Bar Association (Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring Section) and INSOL International.

He also serves as the Chief Editor of Restructuring Roundup, a firm blog that is focused on developments and trends in Canadian bankruptcy and restructuring law. Walker has spoken on several panels at insolvency related conferences and has published numerous articles on bankruptcy issues including priming liens for debtor-in-possession financing, pre-packaged asset sale transactions and environmental regulation of insolvent oil and gas licensees.

#### RECENT EXPERIENCE

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- FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of Lightstream Resources Ltd. and certain of its affiliates in their
   \$1,575,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings and subsequent sale to Ridgeback Resources Inc.;
- Liberty Oilfield Services Holdings, LLC, in its acquisition of the US cementing and fracturing business of Sanjel Corporation and certain of its affiliates in their \$880,000,000 CCAA and Chapter 15 restructuring proceedings;
- FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. and certain of its affiliates in their \$595,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings;
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of Lone Pine Resources Canada Inc. and certain of its affiliates in their \$400,000,000 CCAA and Chapter 15 restructuring proceedings;
- Ernst & Young Inc., in its capacity as court-appointed monitor and receivermanager of the Harvest Group of Companies in their \$265,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings;
- Ernst & Young Inc., in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of Connacher
   Oil and Gas Ltd. in its \$260,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings;
- An undisclosed purchaser, in its acquisition of the British Columbia and Alberta oil and gas assets of Endurance Energy Ltd. in its \$225,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings;
- Tuscany International Drilling Inc. and certain of its affiliates, in their \$220,000,000 CCAA and Chapter 11 restructuring proceedings and subsequent sale to Tuscany Holdings GP, LLC;
- National Bank of Canada, as agent to the lending syndicate, in relation to its \$128,000,000 senior secured credit facilities with Mosaic Energy Ltd.;
- Ernst & Young Inc., in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of OmniArch Capital Corporation and certain of its affiliates in their \$125,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings;
- Procon Resources Inc., as debtor-in-possession lender, plan sponsor and purchaser of Golden Band Resources Inc. in its \$118,000,000 BIA proposal proceedings;

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- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, as agent to the lending syndicate, in relation to its \$110,000,000 senior secured credit facilities with Terra
   Energy Ltd. and certain of its affiliates;
- An undisclosed borrower, in relation to the out-of-court restructuring of its \$76,000,000 senior secured credit facilities;
- FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of Argent Energy Trust and certain of its affiliates in their \$55,000,000 CCAA and Chapter 15 restructuring proceedings;
- An undisclosed borrower, in relation to the out-of-court restructuring of its \$52,000,000 senior secured credit facilities:
- Ernst & Young Inc., in its capacity as court-appointed receiver-manager of Wellpoint Systems Inc. and certain of its affiliates in their \$48,000,000 BIA and Chapter 15 liquidation proceedings;
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of Broadacre Agriculture Inc. and certain of its affiliates in their \$45,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings;
- Hardie & Kelly Inc., in its in its capacity as court-appointed monitor of Homerun Capital Corporation and certain of its affiliates in their \$32,000,000 CCAA restructuring proceedings;
- Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity as court-appointed receivermanager of Do All Industries Ltd. and certain of their affiliates in their \$28,000,000 BIA liquidation proceedings;
- Alberta Treasury Branches, in relation to its \$22,000,000 senior secured credit facilities with Brevia Energy Ltd.;
- Grant Thornton Ltd., in its capacity as court-appointed receiver-manager of Northern Patriot Oil and Gas Ltd. in its \$22,000,000 BIA liquidation proceedings;
- National Bank of Canada, in relation to its \$21,000,000 senior secured credit facilities with Argosy Energy Ltd. and certain of its affiliates;
- G.E. Canada Equipment Financing G.P., in relation to its \$21,000,000 senior secured credit facilities with Elephant & Castle Group Inc. and certain of its affiliates; and

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 Alpine Capital Corp., in relation to its \$20,000,000 junior credit facilities with Calamena Energy Services Inc. and certain of its affiliates.

#### **RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Annual Review of Insolvency Law Conference, 2018: The Critical Supplier Remedy;
- Turnaround Management Association, Northwest Cross-Border Conference:
   Third Party Releases in Canadian and US Restructuring Proceedings;
- Legal Education Society of Alberta: A comparison of the CCAA and the US
   Bankruptcy Code; and
- Calgary Buildex Conference: Overview of the CCAA and BIA Restructuring Process.

### **Awards & Rankings**

# IFLR 1000 Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms

Rising Star: Financial Restructuring, Oil & Gas, Natural Resources

## **Recent Experience**

 RBC and Scotia act as agents in the issuance of senior secured bonds by the subsidiaries of NorthRiver Midstream Inc.

February 12, 2024

## Recent Insights

■ Court Rejects Distressed Corporate Arrangement Transaction

September 6, 2023

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■ Mining in the Courts, Vol. XIII

March 6, 2023

 Ontario Court offers further guidance on Reverse Vesting Order Transactions

February 15, 2023

 Supreme Court of Canada confirms priority status of restructuring charges over CRA deemed trusts

August 5, 2021