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The Wilmington University Restructuring Institute: Expert Programming for the Next Generation of Restructuring Professionals

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For more than 35 years, the State of Delaware has been a national center for corporate restructuring activity. In virtually every corporate restructuring (in or out-of-court), there is conflict or distress that compels a comprehensive understanding of all available corporate, transactional and governance strategic alternatives to ensure deal certainty, maximize value, obtain constituent buy-in, minimize litigation risk, and, where needed, obtain court approval. Wilmington University—a nonprofit university based in Wilmington, Delaware—has launched the Wilmington University Restructuring Institute as a national hub dedicated to education, research, and training in corporate restructuring. The Restructuring Institute’s Advisory Board includes world-class talent composed of the nation’s preeminent restructuring judges, lawyers, financial advisors, investment bankers, and fiduciaries, all of whom have been involved in the most complex restructurings in the United States and around the world.

Delaware is the corporate home for a vast number of U.S. companies. Historically, more than half of the nation’s publicly traded corporations, including a very high proportion of the largest companies, have incorporated in Delaware.¹ The Delaware courts, including the Court of Chancery and the Delaware Supreme Court, are well known for their “efficiency and depth of corporate law expertise” and provide “a body of law that is unmatched in any other jurisdiction.”²

Because a corporate entity can file for bankruptcy in the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated,³ the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the District of Delaware is among the nation’s busiest courts handling complex corporate reorganization matters. For example, one recent report found that more than 40 percent of large business bankruptcy cases filed between 2005 and 2024

1 See, e.g., Message from Secretary of State Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez, *Delaware Division of Corporations, 2024 Annual Report*, <https://corpfiles.delaware.gov/Annual-Reports/Division-of-Corporations-2024-Annual-Report.pdf> [<https://perma.cc/7MU5-SSR2>]

2 *Id.*

3 See 28 U.S.C. § 1408 (providing that “a case under title 11 may be commenced in the district court for the district” in which “the domicile, residence, principal place of business in the United States, or principal assets in the United States, of the person or entity that is the subject of such case have been located for the one hundred and eighty days immediately preceding such commencement”).

were filed in Delaware.⁴ As a result, bankruptcy and corporate restructuring make up a significant portion of the legal work in the Delaware community, and the Wilmington bankruptcy bar is nationally recognized for its expertise.

Against that backdrop, Wilmington University established the Restructuring Institute as a national hub that will connect legal professionals, students, and industry practitioners with experts in restructuring. The Restructuring Institute's co-chairs are John Ray and Michael Nestor. Ray is a leading restructuring professional known for handling the aftermath of high-profile corporate failures. He served as the chairman and CEO of Enron after its chapter 11 bankruptcy filing and is currently the CEO of the cryptocurrency exchange FTX. Nestor is vice chair and a partner at Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP. Drawing upon 30 years of restructuring experience, Nestor advises companies in distress, special committees, boards of directors and myriad stakeholders regarding governance and management issues to develop strategies that provide both maximum value and deal certainty. The Restructuring Institute's Advisory Board contains many of the nation's preeminent restructuring judges, lawyers, financial advisors, investment bankers, and fiduciaries, all of whom have been involved in the most complex restructurings in the United States and around the world.⁵

The Restructuring Institute will provide practical and real-world instruction to junior and mid-level professionals, as well as students, through hands-on programming that is specifically led by experts in each subject matter. Initiatives that the Restructuring Institute expects to implement throughout the year include:

- Annual boot-camps that are designed to train attendees through both instruction and hands-on clinical experience, with feedback from the instructor-experts, with an initial focus on Distressed M&A and Introduction to Bankruptcy.
- An annual summit that will focus on subjects that are front and center in the restructuring industry.
- Restructuring classes and certification programs at Wilmington University's law, graduate and undergraduate schools.
- Virtual and in-person CLE/CPE programs.

⁴ See Cornerstone Research, *Trends in Large Corporate Bankruptcy and Financial Distress*, 2025, www.cornerstone.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Trends-in-Large-Corporate-Bankruptcy-and-Financial-Distress-Midyear-2025.pdf [<https://perma.cc/YAD3-HQL2>]

⁵ Biographies of the Advisory Board members are reproduced in the addendum to this essay. Additional information about the Restructuring Institute is available on its website, <https://www.wilmu.edu/restructuring-institute> [<https://perma.cc/556F-CYKP>]

This best-in-class programming will be unparalleled in its depth and scope, and attendees will come away with a critical knowledge base and skills that can immediately be put to use in the complex world of corporate restructuring. For example, in the Spring of 2026, the Restructuring Institute plans to host a program on Corporate Investigations—Planning, Process and Performance of a Bulletproof Investigation. That program will represent a deep-dive into the corporate investigation planning, implementation and execution, with panelists addressing all sides of the process. In addition, the Restructuring Institute expects to offer a 2-day boot camp on mergers and acquisitions for companies facing financial distress. This program will provide junior to mid-level lawyers, bankers, financial advisors, and interested students with detailed instruction regarding all aspects and the timing of a distressed transaction, including matters of corporate governance and finance, transactional issues that arise in circumstances of financial distress, navigating inter-creditor disputes, analysis of restructuring alternatives (legal and financial), and the execution of each alternative. The Restructuring Institute also plans to sponsor a panel on emerging issues in mass tort bankruptcies, as well as an introduction to bankruptcy program that is geared for junior lawyers, law students, and law clerks.

These activities will complement measures that the local bankruptcy community is already taking to expand and enrich the pipeline of restructuring professionals. For example, Judge Goldblatt and Judge Stickles, who are members of the Restructuring Institute's Advisory Board, also have Wilmington University law students serving as externs in their chambers. Judge Goldblatt teaches a bankruptcy elective at the law school and is coaching a team in the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition. Many leaders of the Wilmington bankruptcy community serve as mentors to Wilmington University law students, and several law students are externing in the bankruptcy practice groups at Wilmington firms.

The Restructuring Institute also aligns with Wilmington University's continued investment in its Brandywine campus, where a new law school building recently opened and a large convocation center is close to completion. The expanded facilities will allow the University to host national-scale educational conferences and potentially draw attendees from across the country, creating both economic and academic opportunities for Delaware. In short, the Restructuring Institute aims to offer hands-on training and continuing education opportunities as businesses across the country continue to navigate financial headwinds, potentially finding themselves in Delaware for complex bankruptcies.

Addendum: The Restructuring Institute’s Advisory Board

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John J. Ray III is the CEO of cryptocurrency exchange FTX Trading Ltd. He has extensive experience handling the aftermath of high-profile corporate failures, but he is best known for his tenure as Enron’s chairman and CEO after its Chapter 11 bankruptcy, during which he recouped more than \$25 billion for creditors. With a legal career spanning more than four decades, his reputation as a restructuring expert in high-profile bankruptcy cases earned him the title of “the turnaround titan.” Ray’s career in corporate bankruptcies followed many years in private and corporate legal practice. In 1998, while serving as general counsel and chief administrative officer of Fruit of the Loom, he successfully led the company through insolvency proceedings that resulted in the sale of the business to Berkshire Hathaway. He later founded his own firm, now known as Owl Hill Advisory LLC, which specializes in large corporate bankruptcies. He has led proceedings for many corporations, including Nortel Networks, Overseas Shipholding Group, and Residential Capital. Ray earned his J.D. from Drake University Law School.

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Judge Farnan is the current chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wilmington University and a founder and principal of Farnan LLP. His current practice focuses on complex commercial matters, including chapter 11 proceedings, securities litigation, antitrust litigation and patent litigation. He is often selected to serve as an independent director or a trustee of businesses such as [FTX.com](https://www.ftx.com/), Central European Distribution Corp. (Russian Standard Vodka), Takata, Maxus Energy and Zohar Funds. Judge Farnan also serves as an arbitrator and mediator in complex matters, which have included the sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Nortel Bankruptcy distribution dispute. In the Dodgers' matter, he was first appointed to mediate issues and then was chosen by the parties to conduct a sale of the team and arbitrate any disputes that might arise between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Major League Baseball, which resulted in the Dodgers being sold for over \$2 billion, the largest sum paid at that time for a professional sports franchise in North America. In the Nortel matter, he served as the mediator for the Nortel cross-border bankruptcy, which ultimately concluded with an agreement for the allocation of over \$7 billion.

Judge Farnan served as a United States district judge for the District of Delaware from 1985 to 2010 and served as chief judge from 1997 to 2001. During his tenure, he presided over hundreds of bench and jury trials involving patents and complex commercial disputes. Judge Farnan earned his J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law.

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Judge Goldblatt was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court bench in 2021. Before his appointment, he was a bankruptcy litigator in the Washington, D.C. office of WilmerHale, where his practice primarily involved the representation of financial institutions and other commercial creditors

in complex bankruptcy litigation and appeals. Earlier in his career, Judge Goldblatt served as a law clerk to Hon. Richard D. Cudahy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Hon. David H. Souter of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Goldblatt is a conferee in the National Bankruptcy Conference and is a vice president of the American College of Bankruptcy. He has also been active in the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section. He has served on the Education Committee of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and as an adjunct professor (teaching classes focused on bankruptcy law) at Georgetown University Law Center and George Washington University Law School. In addition, he has helped coach teams of law students in the Duberstein moot court competition for the past seven years. Judge Goldblatt earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where he served as comment editor of the University of Chicago Law Review.

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Judge J. Kate Stickles

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