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James H.M. Sprayregen is a Restructuring partner in the Chicago and New York offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Sprayregen is recognized as one of the country's outstanding restructuring lawyers and has extensive experience representing major U.S. and international companies in and out of court as well as buyers and sellers of assets in distressed situations. He has handled matters for clients in industries as varied as manufacturing, technology, transportation, energy, media, and real estate. In March 2010, Sprayregen was selected by *The National Law Journal* as one of "The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers." The 2011 edition of *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business* recognized Sprayregen as a key individual, noting that sources refer to him as "a restructuring genius and one of the best strategists in the country."

Sprayregen returned to Kirkland & Ellis in December 2008. He rejoined the firm after nearly three years with Goldman Sachs, where he was co-head of Goldman Sachs' Restructuring Group. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Sprayregen spent 16 years at Kirkland & Ellis, where he led bankruptcy cases for United Airlines and Conesco, among many others. Some of his recent representative matters include General Growth Properties, Innkeepers USA Trust, Japan Airlines Corporation as U.S. and international counsel, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Visteon Corporation, Lear Corporation, The Reader's Digest Association, Sbarro, Inc., Corus Bankshares, Inc., Majestic Star Casino LLC, and ION Media Networks, Inc.

Sprayregen is a 1978 graduate of New Trier High School. While at New Trier, he was co-captain of the varsity wrestling team. He went on to earn a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law.

