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Gregory Vizza is a versatile attorney who handles matters that touch on all facets of financial transactions. Whether negotiating a secured financing or workout on behalf of a lender or borrower; guiding creditors, asset purchasers, and other interested parties through a reorganization process; or litigating avoidance, preference, or other matters in state or federal courts, Greg is a seasoned and multiskilled attorney. Greg has significant experience representing clients in connection with:

- Restructurings, reorganizations, and workouts
- Secured transactions, creditors' rights, and intercreditor relationships
- Asset-based financing and debtor-in-possession financing
- Asset sales
- Plan negotiations
- Bankruptcy and consumer mortgage litigation

Greg's clients include:

- Banks, commercial finance companies, and other institutional lenders
- Secured and unsecured creditors
- Creditors' committees
- Asset purchasers
- Chapter 15 foreign representatives
- Liquidating trustees

Before joining Blank Rome, Greg served as a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas M. Golden, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. While in law school, Greg served as a judicial intern in the Chambers of United States Magistrate Judge Timothy R. Rice. Greg also was a staff member of the

Outside The Firm

Greg is a member of the Board of Trustees of LaSalle Academy, an independent, non-Archdiocesan elementary school located in North Philadelphia, for children in grades 3 through 8 whose potential is limited by financial, social, academic, or emotional challenges, and whose parents desire, but cannot afford, a Catholic education.

Select Engagements

Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Litigation

- Qualtek Services, Inc., as counsel to Agent national bank under prepetition loan, \$101 million post-petition DIP financing, and exit financing in chapter 11 cases of provider of infrastructure services and renewable energy solutions to telecommunications and power industries (Houston, TX).
- Invacare Corporation, as counsel to Agent national bank under prepetition loan and \$27 million post-petition DIP financing in the pre-packaged chapter 11 cases of manufacturer and distributor of medical products and its affiliates (Houston, TX).
- Williams Industrial Services Group, as counsel to Agent national bank under prepetition loan and \$12 million post-petition DIP financing in the chapter 11 cases of a provider of maintenance, construction, and specialty services to power plants and related power markets (Wilmington, DE).
- Borden Dairy, as counsel to the administrative and collateral agent and senior secured lender under a \$275 million unitranche credit facility in the Chapter 11 case of one of the nation's oldest and largest dairy companies (Wilmington, DE)
- Central Grocers, Inc., as counsel to Agent national bank under prepetition syndicated loan and \$205 million post-petition DIP financing in the retail cooperative's and affiliated entities' chapter 11 cases (Chicago, IL).
- Avenue Stores, as counsel to the agent and DIP lender in the bankruptcy of a women's plus-size clothing retailer (Wilmington, DE).
- Beauty Brands, LLC, as counsel to Agent national bank under prepetition loan and \$9 million post-petition DIP financing in the beauty products retailer's and affiliated entities' chapter 11 cases (Wilmington, DE).
- Francis Drilling Fluids, Ltd., as counsel to Agent national bank under \$50 million prepetition loan and in connection with debtors' use of cash collateral and subsequent sale of debtors' assets under Bankruptcy Code § 363 in the oil and gas industry service provider's and affiliated entities' chapter 11 cases (Houston, TX).
- Haggen Holdings, Inc., as counsel to Agent national bank under prepetition syndicated ABL loan and \$215 million post-petition DIP financing for 168-store supermarket chain (Wilmington, DE).
- USA Discounters, Inc., as counsel to Agent under \$60 million secured facility

(Wilmington, DE).

- Edwin Watts, as counsel to Agent national bank in a \$38 million debtor-in-possession financing and 363 sale (Wilmington, DE).
- Daebo International Shipping, as counsel to foreign representative of Korean bulk product shipping line in its Chapter 15 case (New York, NY).
- Beacon Power as counsel to the creditors' committee of a green energy developer and manufacturer of flywheel technology for electricity grid operation (Wilmington, DE).
- Clearwater Natural Resources, LP, as counsel to the creditors' committee of an Appalachian coal enterprise (Lexington, KY).
- An international manufacturer and producer of baked goods, as counsel in connection with various bankruptcy and bankruptcy litigation matters.
- A national bank, counsel in restructuring of \$25 million revolving credit facility and \$10 million term loan.
- A national bank, counsel in connection with public sale of Borrowers' assets under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
- A national bank, counsel in \$50 million loan sale in energy industry.
- A Pennsylvania utility provider, counsel in commercial and consumer bankruptcy matters.
- A commercial landlord, counsel in various bankruptcy disputes concerning 363 sales, rent obligations, and assignment/rejection of leases.
- Several national mortgage lenders, defended in a variety of consumer finance and predatory lending cases.

Financing

- A mezzanine fund in connection with multiple debt and equity investments in transactions ranging from \$20 million to \$60 million, including in the manufacturing, marketing, human resources, engineering, video game, and consumer goods industries.
- A national bank, as agent and lender, counsel in a \$37 million revolving credit facility to a wholesale importer and distributor of food products.
- A private credit fund, counsel in connection with \$25 million of debt and equity investments in a staffing and human resources company.
- A private equity firm, counsel in connection with its acquisition, recapitalization, and financing of a global provider of proprietary testing, certification and software products to the food and agriculture industries.
- A national bank, as agent and lender, counsel in a \$24.6 million revolving credit facility and \$4.6 million term loan to finance real estate and working capital needs of distributor of seeds, plants and gardening supplies.
- A leading provider of crane rentals and related services, counsel in connection with structuring, negotiating, and documenting a refinancing of its second-lien term loan credit facility.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - New Jersey

Memberships

- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Temple University School of Law Alumni Association
- Turnaround Management Association

Education

- Villanova University, BA, cum laude
- Temple University Beasley School of Law, JD, cum laude

Recognitions

- 2015–2017, “Pennsylvania Rising Star” in Bankruptcy, listed in *Super Lawyers*®
- 2015–2017, “New Jersey Rising Star” in Bankruptcy, listed in *Super Lawyers*®