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With over 20 years of experience, Jeff advises senior and junior lenders, private equity sponsors and public and private companies with leveraged acquisition financings, working capital facilities, expansion and growth financings and recapitalizations.

Jeff concentrates his practice on representing senior and junior lenders, private equity sponsors and public and private companies with leveraged acquisition financings, working capital facilities, expansion and growth financings and recapitalizations. He also advises lenders, private equity sponsors and borrowers with respect to troubled loans, loan restructurings and work-outs.

Jeff has extensive experience with various types of debt financings, including cash flow and asset-based lending transactions, senior secured first lien and second lien loan financings, unitranche loan financings, mezzanine loan financings, cross-border financings, and distressed lending transactions.

In addition to representing borrowers and lenders in loan transactions, Jeff regularly represents lenders with non-control structured equity investments, such as investments in warrants and minority equity investments. He also represents private companies in buy-side and sell-side merger and acquisition transactions.

Jeff represents a broad range of clients, including public and private investment funds (including private equity funds, private mezzanine funds and hedge funds), domestic and foreign banks, and specialty lenders. Additionally,

his client experience spans a variety of industries, including agriculture, business services, consumer products, healthcare, hospitality, lender finance, manufacturing, media, oil and gas, retail, restaurants, security alarm, software, technology and telecommunications.

Recent Experience

Winston assists Santa Fe Operating, a subsidiary of HRM Resources IV, LLC, a Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors sponsor-backed borrower, in a reserve-based lending facil...

Winston Represented Rowman & Littlefield in the US\$83M Sale of its Academic Book Publishing Business to Bloomsbury Publishing

Winston Represented Empower Clinic Services, LLC, in its Acquisition of a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facility

Paceline Equity Partners in Its US\$50M Investment in Kelso Industries

Spotless Brands' US\$958M Senior Secured Credit Facilities Upsize

Ranger Energy Services, Inc.'s Acquisition of Basic Energy Services, Inc

Ranger Energy Services, Inc.'s Acquisition of PerFX Wireline Services

ION Geophysical Corp. - Registered Direct Offering

ION Geophysical's At-the-Market Offering

ION Geophysical Successfully Completes Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation and Rights Offering

Recognitions

Jeff was included in the 2022–2025 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Banking and Finance Law. He was also named to *D Magazine*'s 2025 "Best Lawyers in Dallas" list.

Activities

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Business Law Section
- Board of Advisors, University of Arkansas Walton School of Business

Credentials

EDUCATION

Jeff received a B.A. and B.S. from the University of Arkansas in 1985 and a J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1988.

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

Related Insights & News

Jeff speaks frequently on corporate and commercial law matters, finance, and creditors' rights.

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025

AUGUST 15, 2024

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023

AUGUST 18, 2022

NEWS

2020-2021 Pro Bono Impact Report

2020-2021

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2022

AUGUST 19, 2021

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Wins at the 2021 Turnaround Atlas Awards

JUNE 28, 2021

WEBINAR

Health Care Finance: Current Issues, Future Opportunities

JUNE 10, 2020

IN THE MEDIA

"Legal Shock and Awe in Dallas": Winston Partners Profiled in *Dallas Business Journal*

JUNE 23, 2017

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Winston Partners Speak at ACC’s Annual In-House Symposium
APRIL 21, 2017

IN THE MEDIA
Launch of Winston’s Dallas Office Featured in Various Publications
FEBRUARY 7, 2017

PRESS RELEASE
Winston & Strawn Expands Texas Presence with Addition of 23 Partners and Opening of a Dallas Office
FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Capabilities

Transactions

Debt Finance

Private Equity

Finance

Financial Services

Health Care

Media & Entertainment

Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Oil & Gas