

## Leech Tishman Turns To Ex-Offit Atty To Rekindle Del. Office

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Law360 (November 21, 2022, 3:54 PM EST) -- Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl LLC is reviving its Delaware office, bringing on an attorney who most recently worked at Offit Kurman to oversee operations in Wilmington.

Jeffrey M. Carbino has joined Leech Tishman as counsel in the firm's business restructuring and insolvency practice group, a recent announcement said. He will oversee and grow the Wilmington office and also spend time in the firm's Philadelphia office.

The Delaware office hasn't been staffed since a few attorneys left roughly a year ago, Leech Tishman partner and chief operating officer John M. Steiner told Law360 Pulse.

Carbino, an experienced attorney who has previously worked at numerous firms, told Law360 Pulse that he is excited to lead the office and reestablish Leech Tishman's presence in the First State.

"The firm is what every firm says it is: incredibly collegial," Carbino said.

"I just thought it was a great opportunity to be the lead," he added. "I like the people here."

Before his roughly nine-month stint at Offit Kurman, Carbino worked for more than two years at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP. He has also previously worked at CKR Law; Thorp Reed & Armstrong LLP, before it merged with Clark Hill PLC; Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC; and Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, before its merger with Buchanan Ingersoll, according to his LinkedIn profile. He also had his own firm for more than six years, the profile says.

"We are very pleased to welcome Jeff to the firm," Pete A. Fuscaldo, Leech Tishman's managing partner, said in the announcement. "Wilmington has historically been a critical market for our business restructuring and insolvency clients. Jeff's depth of experience in a multitude of complex bankruptcy-related matters, combined with his capacity to represent clients directly in the Delaware market, will be a great strategic benefit for both our BRI group and our insolvency clients."

With his decades of experience handling bankruptcy, commercial and other litigation, firm officers said Carbino is the right fit to revitalize and lead the Wilmington office.

"We never really left Delaware," Steiner told Law360 Pulse. "We needed to find the right person for the Delaware office, and that's Jeff."

The firm initially launched its Delaware office in 2012, but it is now kick-starting its office there once again, Steiner said. And Delaware, which has one of the nation's busiest bankruptcy courts, is a good place to bolster the firm's already well-established business restructuring and insolvency practice group, he added.

Leech Tishman said its business restructuring and insolvency practice group handles matters in other major financial hubs and jurisdictions across the nation, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago,



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Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Carbino said he will work with other attorneys in the firm's roughly 15-attorney bankruptcy group nationwide, while looking to bring on more attorneys in Delaware.

Also, he said he will look to grow the Wilmington office in other core Delaware practice areas, such as corporate law and intellectual property litigation.

Carbino's practice focuses on representing debtors, landlords, creditors committees, secured and unsecured creditors, and other stakeholders in Chapter 11 bankruptcies and restructurings outside bankruptcy, the announcement said.

Among his recent casework, Carbino was on a counsel team that represented Tamroy Inc. in its defense of claims lodged by unsecured creditors in an adversary suit in Tonawanda Coke Corp.'s Chapter 11 in New York bankruptcy court.

The suit challenged and sought to recover \$9.5 million of dividend transfers Tonawanda made to Tamroy, its sole shareholder, before filing for Chapter 11. The court entered an order settling the suit for \$200,000 in July, court records show.

Also, Carbino is representing ComedyMX, a company that owns and licenses copyrighted works such as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Looney Tunes for YouTube and other platforms, in its Chapter 11 filed in Delaware bankruptcy court earlier this month.

The roughly 115-attorney Leech Tishman is headquartered in Pittsburgh and has other offices in Chicago; Los Angeles; New York; Philadelphia; Sarasota, Florida; and Washington, D.C.

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