

**Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP Grows Restructuring Practice
With Additions of Jonathan Friedland and Lisa Vandesteeg**

CHICAGO (October 4, 2015), Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP (“SFGH”) announced Friday that Jonathan Friedland and Lisa Vandesteeg have joined its corporate restructuring and creditor’s rights practice as partners.

Friedland is a former partner of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and a protégé of Jamie Sprayregen with whom he taught a popular course on strategic management at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business for several years. He came to prominence in recent years as one of the country’s leading experts regarding out-of-court financial restructurings. Throughout his career, Friedland has guided scores of companies through challenging financial situations, including Chapter 11 restructurings and assignments for the benefit of creditors. His seminal work, *Strategic Alternatives For and Against Distressed Businesses*, is widely considered to be the leading treatise on the subject. Friedland’s practice also includes acquisition work for some of the country’s most active distress-focused private equity funds.

Vandesteeg, recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer since 2011, concentrates her practice in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and data security. She is a lead author of the popular treatise, *Commercial Bankruptcy Litigation*. Vandesteeg, enthusiastic about their new affiliation observed, “SFGH unquestionably has the smartest, most creative, and hardest working group of restructuring attorneys in the Midwest and joining the firm is going to serve our clients extremely well.”

Addressing the recent additions, Aaron L. Hammer, leader of the firm’s Bankruptcy, Reorganization and Creditors’ Rights practice, remarked, “I have long admired Jonathan’s incredible legal and business acumen as a fellow professional and it is a great privilege to now call him my partner. Likewise, Lisa’s reputation as one of the top bankruptcy litigators is very well founded. This is an exciting time for our firm and, ultimately, for our clients.”

About SFGH:

Through an unmatched level of personal service, business sense, and legal acumen, clients across the United States have turned to SFGH as their most trusted advisors for almost 35 years. Based in Chicago with a national footprint, SFGH’s attorneys have been recognized by *Chambers USA: Leading Lawyers for Business and Turnaround and Workouts*; and quoted by *The Wall Street Journal* and *Financial Times*, as leaders in the field.

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