

**Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP Names
Christopher Horvay and Mark Melickian Partners of the Firm**

CHICAGO (January 1, 2014), Christopher J. Horvay and Mark S. Melickian have been named partners of Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP (“SugarFGH”). Both Chris and Mark have served as essential members of the firms’ bankruptcy and creditors’ rights practice in recent years, providing their valued input and considerable expertise on behalf of the firm’s clientele.

With more than thirty-six (36) years of experience representing senior creditors and asset-based lenders in complex litigation, workout and bankruptcy matters across the country, Chris Horvay has been consistently recognized throughout the Midwest as a senior leader in the turnaround profession. Chris has received universal praise from his peers, including his inclusion as an Illinois Super Lawyer since 2006 as well as an Illinois Leading Lawyer for the last two years in commercial bankruptcies and workouts. Chris received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law and his B.A. from Syracuse University (Phi Beta Kappa). He previously served as a National Director of the Turnaround Management Association from 1999 through 2002, as well as president of the Chicago/Midwest chapter in 1997 and 1998. In 2004, Chris was recognized by the Chicago chapter as its Educator of the Year.

Mark Melickian has successfully represented trustees, financial institutions, trade creditors and others in high profile chapter 11 cases across the country over the course of his 18-year career. His considerable expertise in a broad spectrum of insolvency related issues is often sought by his peers throughout the restructuring community. A former book editor and, for several years, a columnist for the American Bar Association’s *Student Lawyer* magazine, Mark has published work in a variety of periodicals and resources including the *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*, *Wiley Bankruptcy Law Update*, *Ginsberg & Martin on Bankruptcy*, *Norton Bankruptcy Law Adviser*, The Cornell University Legal Ethics Library and numerous professional seminars. Mark received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law and his B.A. from Colorado State University.

SugarFGH's vibrant bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice, led by Aaron L. Hammer, has active matters across the country. The practice group, which also includes Etahn M. Cohen, Leland H. Chait, Michael A. Brandess, David M. Madden, Jack R. O'Connor and Jamie R. Netznik, has been acclaimed for its talent in financial restructuring and creditors' rights, specializing in a broad scope of insolvency-related matters. SugarFGH's bankruptcy and creditors' rights 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. Based in Chicago, the firm builds enduring, trusted relationships with its clients and provides them with creative legal solutions in challenging and changing business environments.

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