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Choate Earns Top-Tier Chambers Recognition in Finance and Restructuring

Choate is proud to have once again earned Tier 1 rankings in the 2026 *Chambers USA* guide for both its Banking & Finance and Bankruptcy & Restructuring practice areas – a reflection of our depth of experience and partner-led approach to client service.

This recognition is a testament to the talent and dedication of the attorneys who drive these practices forward every day. Among the individual honorees, Doug Gooding is named a Tier 1 practitioner in Bankruptcy & Restructuring, while Jonathan Marshall earned an elevated ranking in Bankruptcy & Restructuring, underscoring his continued momentum and market recognition. Mark Silva is ranked in Banking & Finance, while John Ventola earned distinction in both Banking & Finance and Bankruptcy & Restructuring. Kevin Simard is similarly recognized across both practices as well, with an elevated ranking that reflects his growing prominence in the field. Seth Mennillo is also acknowledged for his work in Banking & Finance.

Chambers noted the following about Choate's Banking & Finance practice:

"Choate Hall & Stewart has a diverse financial institution client base that operates in a range of sectors including energy, healthcare and retail. The firm is highly regarded for its strong transactional work on behalf of lenders. It offers guidance on a host of financial arrangements, such as club and single-lender facilities, and subordinated, second-lien and syndicated loans. This team is a strong choice for midmarket acquisition financing, and it also offers specialist expertise in amendment and management of term loans. The firm is also capable of doing complex cross-border work."

The Bankruptcy & Restructuring practice received the following commentary:

"Choate Hall & Stewart LLP represents top-of-the-market creditors across a wide range of bankruptcy and restructuring matters. The firm has broad sector strength encompassing insurance, technology, healthcare, energy and retail. It advises its roster of blue-chip clients on sales, financing and intercreditor disputes."

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