J. MICHAEL ISSA CPA

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Prominent Matters

- CRO and Liquidating Trustee to American Spectrum Realty, Inc. Debtor in Possession. 2015-16.
- CRO and Liquidating Trustee to Mega RV, the largest RV dealer in the West, 2014-16.
- Investment Banker to Townsend Jaguar Rover Dealerships in BK. Won an Atlas Category Award for Middle Market Deal of the Year in 2012.
- Financial Advisor to Turner's Outdoors Acquisition Group-Won an M&A Advisers Category Award for Middle Market Deal of the Year in 2005.
- Financial Advisor to the Buyer, Spectrum Wine Auctions, of the largest wine cellar (78,000 bottles) in US Bankruptcy history. Debtor was Premier Cru.

Specialties:

Bankruptcy Proceedings
Court-Appointed Fiduciary
Crisis Management
CRO
Debt & Equity Placement
Expert Witness
Financial Advisor
Interim Management
Mergers & Acquisitions
Receiver
Section 363 Sale
Trustee
Turnarounds/Restructurings

Industries:

Automotive
Energy
Financial Institutions
Food & Beverage
Oil & Gas
Real Estate
Restaurant
Retail & Shopping Centers

Mr. Issa is a nationally prominent turnaround expert who has successfully led consulting and professional teams involved in over 100 corporate rehabilitations. During his career, he has consulted extensively in the area of corporate turnarounds, workouts and bankruptcies.

These engagements have included significant roles in various interim management capacities for clients including acting at various times as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, or Chief Financial Officer.

To date, Mr. Issa has personally supervised the acquisition and/or "disposition" of over 50 businesses during his career. As Chief Restructuring Officer, Mr. Issa has personally managed several billion dollars of debt restructuring and financing on behalf of his corporate and real estate clients. In addition, Mr. Issa frequently serves as an expert witness in a variety of bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy litigation matters. During his service as principal and vice chairman at his previous firm, the firm was named one of the "12 Outstanding Turnaround Firms" by a national industry publication.

A Certified Public Accountant and Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Trustee, Mr. Issa has taught at the business schools of three universities and has also been listed in the Nationwide Register's Who's Who in Executives and Businesses. He speaks and publishes frequently on a variety of topics related to real estate, retail, bankruptcy, restructuring, economics, and oil and gas.

Mr. Issa has most recently been published in the Oil & Gas Financial Journal for his articles on "Brexit's Impact on Oil and Gas" and "Recent Events Help Shape Oil Prices", as well as the ABI Journal for his articles on the state of brick-and-mortar retail and the potential impact of the OPEC struggle on the world economy.

One of Mr. Issa's 2019 articles, "OPECalypse Now and the World Economy," was submitted by the American Bankruptcy Institute for the consideration of the Pulitzer Board in the category of Explanatory Journalism. This article was also selected to be published in the Best of ABI 2019: The Year in Business Bankruptcy digital book. In June 2020, an updated version of this article titled "OPECalypse Now, Coronavirus and the World Economy" was published in the AIRA Journal.