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Turnarounds/Restructurings

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, <u>retail</u>, bankruptcy, and restructuring, economics, and <u>oil and gas</u>.

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.

In 2018, Mr. Issa was listed as a Top Three Individual Expert Witness-Economic in the Daily Report.

Mr. Issa holds FINRA Series 63, 65, and 79 certifications.