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### Industry Experience

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### Selected Public Cases

aaiPharma Inc.  
Aralez Pharmaceuticals  
Archstone  
Avaya, Inc.  
Briggs & Stratton  
Bumble Bee Foods  
Calpine Corporation  
Centro Properties Group  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
Dynergy Holdings LLC  
Eastman Kodak  
Education Management Corporation  
Energy Future Intermediate Holding Co  
Extended Stay Hotels  
Gleacher & Company  
GST Autoleather  
Heilig-Meyers  
Hertz Corporation  
Hovensa LLC  
Lyondell Chemical Company  
MF Global Holdings Ltd  
M&G Chemicals  
Mirant Corporation  
Molycorp, Inc.  
NRG Energy  
Nortel Networks  
Peabody Energy Corporation  
Quicksilver Resources Inc.  
SemGroup  
Southern Foods Group (Dean Foods)  
TBS International  
The McClatchy Company  
Tidewater, Inc.  
Triangle Petroleum Corp.  
Xerox

### Experience

Mr. Kearns is the co-head of BRG's Corporate Finance practice; he specializes in providing financial restructuring advisory services, crisis management services, and expert testimony in the troubled company and corporate finance environment. He has represented all parties-in-interest in various complex restructuring and bankruptcy matters and has served as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Restructuring Officer, Responsible Officer, Receiver, and Trustee. Mr. Kearns has rendered expert testimony in multiple jurisdictions on matters involving valuation, lost profits, solvency, credit analysis, liquidation and recovery analysis, and other issues in distressed situations. He has advised major investment banks and potential purchasers on acquisition strategies and post-merger integration.

Prior to joining BRG, Mr. Kearns was a co-founder of Capstone Advisory Group, LLC ("Capstone") and a member of the firm. Before co-founding Capstone, Mr. Kearns was a Senior Managing Director at the Policano & Manzo legacy practice of FTI Consulting, and he was also with the predecessor firm Kahn Consulting. Mr. Kearns also spent 3 years with Bristol-Myers Squibb in assignments that included assistant corporate controller. He also spent 10 years in the mergers and acquisitions group and the audit practice of a major international public accounting firm.

### Education and Affiliations

Mr. Kearns holds a BBA in accounting from Iona College. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Turnaround Professional, and Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor. His memberships include the AICPA, New York State Society of CPAs, and Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors. He is the past president of the Friends of Mercy Medical Center (Long Island, NY). He served as president of the New York chapter of the Turnaround Management Association and as Chairman Emeritus of the New York City Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors for aaiPharma Inc., a contract research company; the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York; a manufacturer of building products; and Outsourcing Solutions, Inc., a service company.