

A selected listing of recent appointments and announcements in U.S. bankruptcy law practice, compiled by Dow Jones's *DBR Small Cap* staff.

Pat Huddleston has joined law firm **Page Perry LLC** as a partner. Huddleston has experience as a Chapter 11 examiner and a court-appointed receiver, and he's represented victims of Ponzi schemes. Huddleston was also an enforcement branch chief with the Securities and Exchange Commission but most recently worked with **Huddleston Law Firm**, which he owns. He earned his law degree from Mercer Law School.

The financial restructuring group of the **RSM Richter** firm has joined with **Duff & Phelps Corp.** in Canada. The Toronto restructuring practice gives turnaround advice and works with distressed businesses and stakeholders, including senior lenders and other parties. Included in the move to Duff & Phelps are managing directors **Peter Farkas**, **Robert Harland**, **Bobby Koffman** and **David Sieradzski**.

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Mover of the Week

Miller Launches New Chapter Of Her Restructuring Career

By Rachel Feintzeig



Alison Miller is no stranger to the restructuring industry.

A new director of business development at Donlin Recano & Co., Alison is coming off of a four-year stint at law firm Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where she worked on cases like Movie Gallery and Reader's Digest. But she has an even deeper connection to the industry—one that you might not glean from her resume, unless you recognize her surname.

"I grew up in the business," says Alison Miller, whose father, Henry Miller, was among the first crop of inductees into the Turnaround Management Association's hall of fame,

alongside the likes of Harvey Miller (no relation) of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and Jay Alix of AlixPartners. Henry Miller is the founder and former chairman of boutique investment bank Miller Buckfire & Co. and the co-founder of distressed debt fund Marblegate Asset Management, where he's currently chairman.

"It's kind of like being Mick Jagger's daughter," Alison Miller says, noting that her father's been called "the founder of bankruptcy."

It was Henry Miller who first encouraged his daughter to try out restructuring law after she left a career in urban planning (her undergraduate degree is in environmental planning) to go to law school. Miller thought she was going to go into environmental law, but once her father suggested restructuring, she was hooked. Soon she was interning for Judge Stuart Bernstein of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan and bouncing restructuring ideas off her father.

"His wealth of knowledge is so vast that it's such a valuable resource," she said. "I love to pick his brain."

But even as she looks to her father as an "invaluable resource," Miller is carving out her own niche in the industry. A few weeks ago, she started her new position at claims agent Donlin Recano, where she's charged with getting the word out about the company and its offerings. Having just been on the other side, as an associate at a large firm with a thriving bankruptcy practice, she's in a unique position to drum up business.

"I know what works, I know what doesn't work," she said. "Knowing just the ins and outs of the bankruptcy process I think is definitely invaluable to do this job well."

Miller is adjusting to her new job, trying to get used to swapping long nights plugging away in the office for evenings chatting with potential clients. But the "different vibe" of her new role hasn't changed her work ethic—which she traces back to her dad.

"It's probably one of the reasons I work like a maniac: because I care about not embarrassing my father," she jokes.

"It's definitely a tradition," she adds, of her work in the restructuring community. "It's something I'm really proud of."