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Danny Andropoulos is a Director and Head of Werksmans' Commercial Department. He advises in the Banking & Finance, Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions and Insolvency & Business Rescue practice areas. Danny specialises in various aspects of banking and finance including the restructure of financially constrained and/or distressed companies, asset finance, acquisition and leveraged finance, preference share transactions and solvent corporate debt restructure, acting variously for lenders (in both the single lender and in the syndicated lender environment) and borrowers. He also has deep experience in merger and acquisition transactions in which he provides advice in relation to structuring, shareholder arrangements and management participation. Danny is recognised by various local and international research organisations for his expertise in banking and finance and mergers and acquisitions.

Years of Experience: 39 years

PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions
- Insolvency & Business Rescue

EXPERTISE

Commercial

- Solvent Restructures of financially distressed entities
- Banking & Finance
- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Advised / Represented / Acted on behalf of:

- Dawn Ltd in the disposal of its shareholding interests in certain of its subsidiary companies (2018).
- the Purchaser of the House of Busby enterprise in that acquisition (2018-2019).
- the South African and International consortium of lenders in the Edcon Ltd restructure (2018-2019)
- Basil Read Ltd (and its subsidiaries) in its negotiations with lenders and other creditors for purposes of achieving a debt standstill and the provision of bridge funding and thereafter in its business rescue and the disposal of its assets (2018-2019)
- ELB Engineering Services (Pty) Ltd in raising post commencement finance and in its business rescue (2019-2021)
- Group Five Ltd (and its subsidiaries) in its negotiations with lenders and other creditors for the purposes of achieving a debt standstill and the provision of bridge funding and thereafter in its business rescue, the procurement of post-commencement finance and in the disposal of its assets (2018-2022)

- Consolidated Infrastructure Group Ltd and certain of its subsidiaries in its negotiations with lenders and other creditors for the purposes of achieving a debt standstill and the provision of bridge funding, and thereafter in its business rescue, the procurement of post-commencement finance and in the disposal of its assets (2020-2022)
- Afgri in its dealing with its various lenders in the course of its recapitalization and restructure (2020-2021)
- IDC in relation to the provision of post-commencement finance to the Busmark group of companies and general advice in relation to IDC's rights as a creditor of the Busmark group (2021-2022)
- Tongaat Hulett's board and thereafter its business rescue practitioners, in its attempted solvent restructure and thereafter its business rescue in all of its facets for noteholders of JSE-listed packaging group, Nampak, in its debt restructure.

CAREER

Education:

- Higher Diploma in Tax, University of Johannesburg, 1994
- Admitted as an Attorney, 1985
- LLB, Rhodes University, 1983
- BA, Rhodes University, 1981

Career:

- 1985 -1998 partner, Maisels Smit & Lowndes
- 1999 – 2017 founding director, Prinsloo Tindle & Andropoulos Inc
- 2017 – present, director Werksmans Attorneys

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked lawyer (Band 3) by Chambers Global | 2026 |Banking and Finance
- Ranked as leading lawyer by Chambers Global | 2017 – 2025 | Banking and Finance; 2017 – 2022 | Corporate M&A
- Ranked as a highly regarded practitioner by IFLR 1000 | 2022 – 2025 | Banking
- Ranked as a leading practitioner by Legal 500 | 2017 – 2023 | Banking and Finance
- Named as a recommended lawyer in Who's Who Legal | 2017 – 2024 | M&A and Governance
- Named as a recommended lawyer by Best Lawyers | 2017 – 2023

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