



Lessons Learned Oral History Project

James Finkel

The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) contacted James Finkel by email to request an interview regarding Finkel's time as CEO of Dynamic Credit Partners, a structured credit asset management firm that he co-founded in 2003.

Finkel has extensive experience in structuring fixed-income securities, initially as a lawyer and mainly as a transaction manager for investment banks. He began his career in 1986 as a securities lawyer for Cadwalader. In 1992 he began his banking career as a mortgage-backed specialist for Nomura Securities, followed by stints at Myerberg & Company and Bear, Stearns. With Bear Stearns he began a five-year stint in London, split between Bear Stearns emerging market and high-yield bonds and then as head of the CLO group at Deutsche Bank.

In 2003 he co-founded Dynamic Credit Partners in New York. Since 2010, he has been a Managing Director at Duff and Phelps, where his responsibilities have included dispute practices, expert testimony, regulatory and transactional advisory and liquidations. Finkel holds degrees from Colorado College (BA), the London School of Economics, University of Miami (JD) and New York University (LLM) in taxation.

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