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Victor A. Vilaplana is of counsel and a litigation attorney with Foley & Lardner LLP. He focuses his practice on the handling of insolvency matters, particularly complicated business bankruptcies and international transactions. His experience includes representing multiple industries with Chapter 11 cases. He is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy and Business Reorganizations, International, and Latin America and Automotive Industry Team.

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