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Statement by John C. Manly, Boy Scouts Sexual Abuse Victim's Attorney on Bankruptcy Filing by the Boy Scouts of America

Irvine, California - "It was only a matter of time before The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) used a bankruptcy filing as an attempt to shield themselves and their assets from survivors of child sexual abuse. This legal strategy puts BSA in the company of other powerful organizations including The Catholic Bishops and USA Gymnastics. Bankruptcy must not be used as a means to deny survivors justice they deserve. The brave survivors of decades of abuse by BSA must be able to seek to justice and hold those responsible to account."

John C. Manly, Managing Partner, Manly, Stewart & Finaldi.

About John C. Manly

Mr. Manly is the preeminent attorney for victims of sex abuse. He has successfully represented thousands of victims of child sexual abuse against the Catholic Hierarchy, USA Gymnastics/US Olympic Committee and the Boy Scouts of America. He has guided child molestation survivor clients in more than twenty Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings throughout the United States, obtaining full recoveries for his clients and imposing significant policy changes on offending institutions making children safer.

[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is the nation's leading firm representing athletes in child sexual abuse cases against school districts, Universities and Olympic Governing Bodies. They recently represented 180 alleged victims of former Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar resulting in a \$500 million-dollar settlement against Michigan State University. In 2018 the firm settled cases against the Torrance Unified School District for \$31 million on behalf of alleged victims of former wrestling coach and convicted child molester Thomas Snider, against Los Angeles Unified School district for \$8 million in cases involving former football coach and convicted child molester Jamie Jimenez and for \$14 million in cases involving former Los Angeles Unified District employee Ronnie Lee Roman. The firm has also settled \$30 million in claims against Redlands Unified School District.

[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is the nation's leading firm representing survivors in child sexual abuse cases including against Catholic dioceses, school districts, universities and Olympic Governing Bodies. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States. They recently represented 180 alleged victims of former Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar resulting in a \$500 million-dollar settlement against Michigan State University.