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Davis Polk's Huebner: A Revival Expert in More Ways Than One

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As a two-time American Lawyer Dealmaker of the Year--most recently for his work [advising the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve Bank of New York](#) last fall--[Davis Polk & Wardwell](#) bankruptcy bigwig Marshall Huebner is no stranger to comparisons that he's an EMS worker in lawyer's clothing.

But when a [Wall Street Journal story](#) about first-day proceedings in the [Chrysler](#) bankruptcy mentioned that Huebner had "rushed to the aid of a woman [who fainted] and helped walk her out of the courtroom," well, we just couldn't help ourselves.

Huebner, who was attending the proceedings on [behalf of client Ford](#), tells us that he was standing with other people along the walls of the crowded courtroom when he noticed that a lawyer for one of the other parties "either collapsed or fainted."

The courtroom in downtown Manhattan was "hot and stuffy," Huebner says, and after waiting a minute to see if anyone rushed to the woman's aid, he stepped in to help.

"I just went over and helped her," Huebner says. "And after a few minutes when I thought she could safely make it out of the courtroom and not be the center of much unpleasant attention, I walked her out and waited until an ambulance came." (Citing confidentiality reasons, Huebner declines to name the lawyer or get into details about her medical condition.)

Suffice it to say that the woman involved ended up being fine, he says, and after waiting outside for a bit he returned to the courtroom.

Huebner remains tight-lipped when it comes to [Ford](#).

"I was just there watching, like a simple spectator," he says. "It was utterly uninteresting, aside from the gazillion people watching everything happen." And Huebner's heroics, of course.