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MY SERVICES

Business Litigation

Construction

Energy

Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy

Real Estate

Real Estate and Construction Litigation

EDUCATION

SMU Dedman School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2004

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SMU Law Review

Associate Managing Editor

Austin College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2001

ADMISSIONS

Texas

U.S. District Court Eastern District Texas

U.S. District Court Northern District Texas

U.S. District Court Southern District Texas

U.S. District Court Western District Texas

overview

Katie Clark represents clients before bankruptcy courts, federal and state trial courts, arbitration panels and appellate courts nationwide. She routinely handles bankruptcy and insolvency litigation, including the representation of debtors, banks, court-appointed fiduciaries, and creditors in Chapter 11, 7, 15, and 13 bankruptcies.

Katie has broad commercial litigation experience related to troubled and insolvent businesses. Her experience includes representing companies, fiduciaries, lenders, secured and unsecured creditors, as well as constituencies from every segment of the capital structure in federal and state court reorganization, liquidation and litigation proceedings. She has helped clients navigate insolvency matters involving billions of dollars in liabilities.

In 2017, Katie was part of a team that received the Turnaround of the Year Award (Large Company) from the Turnaround Management Association for her work on the first successful bankruptcy reorganization of a life settlement company.

Katie has significant experience in bankruptcy and litigation matters involving the real estate and energy industries. She has also litigated actions related to fraud that leads to bankruptcy or other displacement of management or control, including fraudulent transfer litigation, and state and federal court receivers.

Katie enjoys the challenge of pursuing innovative solutions for her clients. Her diverse experience allows her to quickly absorb complex fact patterns and distill them so she and her clients can focus on the best strategy for the situation at hand.

experience

- Served as counsel to the court-appointed fiduciary for a life settlement company with more than \$1.4 billion in liabilities.
- Represented an oil and natural gas company and its affiliates, a public company upstream debtor, which obtained confirmation of a pre-negotiated Chapter 11 plan in four months.
- Represented operators and other property owners in the defense of their rights in recharacterization fights in Texas and Delaware bankruptcy courts.
- Represented a debtor, a Mexican glass manufacturer, in a cross-border (Chapter 15) restructuring of more than \$2 billion in liabilities.
- Represented a financial institution as a lead creditor in a case that resulted in a successful reorganization of a major development in the Austin, Texas area.
- Represented numerous tenant-in-common (TIC) clients in a matter in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware, Wilmington Division.

- Represented court-appointed receivers in civil securities fraud actions.
- Represented a client in appeal of an award of fraud and damages for fraud resulting in a reversal of the award.
- Represented a life insurance company in claim for breach of contract and breach of alleged fiduciary duties.

affiliations

Professional

- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), DFW Network, Board Member, Past Chair
- State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section Council
- Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit
- American Bar Association

Community

- Attorneys Serving the Community
 - 2017-Present
- Junior Players
 - Board Member, 2017-Present
- International Student Foundation
 - Board Member, 2017-Present

recognitions

- Listed, 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers (by Lawdragon Inc.), 2023
- Recipient, Michelle A. Mendez Award of Excellence, State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section, 2023
- Listed in the Best Lawyers in America (by BL Rankings), 2021-2025
- Listed, Best Lawyers in Dallas by D Magazine, 2023-2024