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Practice Areas: Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization; Business Law; Debtor and Creditor Rights; Commercial Litigation.

Admitted: State Bar of Texas, November 2014; U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, and Southern Districts of Texas.

Education:

Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa (Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, May 2005)

Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas (J.D., *cum laude*, May 2014).

- Associate Managing Editor, SMU International Law Review Association.
- Dean's List.
- Best Brief Nominee, 2011 Jackson Walker Moot Court Competition.
- Dean's Scholarship Recipient.

Significant Representations

- Representation of governmental entity as creditor in the complex Chapter 11 reorganization case of a national oil and natural gas exploration and production company, including representation of the creditor as a plaintiff in an adversary proceeding against the debtor related to oil and gas ad valorem taxes.
- Representation of secured creditor in the Chapter 7 case of creditor's former business partner and in adversary proceeding for recovery on client's claim, which ultimately resulted in the recovery of significant sums on behalf of the client.
- Representation of defendant client that resulted in the court of appeals affirming the trial court's striking of all opposing evidence and granting firm's motion for final summary judgment in favor of client on over half million dollar guarantee suit. *LSREF2 Apex (TX) II, LLC v. Blomquist*, 05-14-00851-CV, 2015 WL 4554522 (Tex. App.—Dallas July 29, 2015, n. pet. h.).
- Defense of individual and corporate clients resulting in bankruptcy court approval of the settlement of multiple claims against the clients, the balance of which claims were later dismissed in their entirety through final summary judgment obtained by the firm from the

underlying trial court. *In re Margaux City Lights Partners, Ltd.*, No. 12-35828-BJH, 2014 WL 6674922 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 24, 2014).

- Representation of investor clients in contested claims litigation (i) obtaining allowance of over \$7 million in claims for clients; (ii) prosecuting clients' claim objection resulting in the bankruptcy court's reduction of competing \$1.5 million claim by over \$1.2 million; and (iii) subsequently defending the appeal of the bankruptcy court's decision, resulting in the appellate court's complete affirmance of the bankruptcy court's reduction of the claim. *In re Margaux City Lights Partners, Ltd.*, N. 12-35828-BJH, 2014 WL 6668982 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 20, 2014), *aff'd* July 16, 2015.
- Debtor representation in Chapter 11 reorganization cases. Recent corporate reorganization clients include a real estate development company, a skilled nursing home in East Texas, a Dallas-area HVAC company, and Dallas and Plano hotels.
- Representation of secured and unsecured creditors in significant bankruptcy cases in Dallas, Fort Worth, Plano, and Houston.
- Representation of individual and corporate clients in nondischargeability adversary proceedings brought in Bankruptcy Court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523 and § 727.
- Representation of individual and corporate guarantors in defense and negotiations concerning millions of dollars in alleged defaulted debts.
- Defense of both individuals and corporations in lawsuits alleging fraud, defalcation of duty, breaches of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, tortious interference, and conversion.

Member

- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Dallas Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers
- State Bar of Texas