



John E. Mitchell

Partner

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John Mitchell has deep experience handling a wide array of commercial restructuring and reorganization matters. His clients trust him with complex bankruptcies, out-of-court workouts and sales, voluntary liquidations, asset sales and other insolvency-related litigation. John understands the unique needs of lenders, creditors and debtors and brings that perspective to every restructuring matter he is involved in.

Providing counsel by truly understanding his clients' businesses

In addition to his knowledge of bankruptcy law, John is known for building strong relationships with his clients. He frequently serves clients from a range of industries, including those in the energy, oil and gas, retail and restaurant, power, commercial finance, shipping, and transportation.

John honorably served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort (Kurdish Refugee Relief Effort). During his military career, he received the Parachutist Badge, the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Representative Experience

- Routinely represent midstream oil and gas companies in multiple Chapter 11 and potential Chapter 11 filings throughout the United States.
- Lead counsel to Republic Metals Corporation, one of the largest refiners of gold, silver and precious metals in North America, in the Chapter 11 sale and related litigation of over \$100 million in competing claims to a \$225 million precious metal asset pool in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.*
- Lead counsel to a leading national midstream energy pipeline company in the Chapter 11 of natural gas producer EdgeMarc Energy Holdings in Chapter 11 in the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.*
- Lead counsel to a leading national midstream energy pipeline company in the Chapter 11 sale and liquidation of Philadelphia

Practices

- Distressed and Special Situations Investing
- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Real Estate
- Restaurant and Franchise Finance

Industries

- Energy
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

Education

- JD, Texas Tech University School of Law, *magna cum laude*
- BBA, Texas A&M University, *distinguished military graduate*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- US District Court, Northern District of Texas
- US District Court, Southern District of Texas
- US District Court, Western District of Texas
- US District Court, Eastern District of Texas

Community Involvements

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Dallas A&M Club
- Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section
- State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Law Section
- Texas Aggie Bar Association
- Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association

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Energy Solutions, the owner and operator of the Point Breeze and Girard Point oil refineries, located on an integrated 1,300-acre refining complex in Philadelphia.*

- Represented corporation and affiliated debtors that collectively owned and operated approximately 330 restaurants across the United States in their Chapter 11 case.*
- Represented a coal bed methane producer as lead counsel in Chapter 11 restructuring of more than \$800 million in debts and successful sale of assets in distressed M&A process.*
- Represented offshore service and supply company and its subsidiaries as lead counsel in the restructuring of \$1 billion in debts through both Chapter 11 and out-of-court exchange process.*
- Represented official equity committee in Chapter 11 of leading body armor manufacturer and pursuit of restitution claims in excess of \$100 million.*
- Represented financial institution as senior secured lender for claims in excess of \$30 million in the Chapter 11 case of an offshore oil and gas exploration, development, acquisitions and production company.*
- Represented multiple foreign lenders in commercial shipping Chapter 11 restructuring and retiring of more than \$200 million in debts.*
- Represented leading cafeteria/casual restaurant chain in the Southwest in Chapter 11 and sale of 25 retail locations and food processing/distribution centers with debts in excess of \$40 million.*
- Represented national consumer finance company in a multimillion-dollar litigation through the use of Chapter 11 claims process for multi-location car dealerships.*
- Represented national bank as agent bank in \$70 million syndicated loan facility restructured through the Chapter 11 of a major Midwest restaurant company.*
- Represented Texas osteopathic hospital in wind down restructuring process.*
- Represented health care finance company in bankruptcy of regional sleep disorder chain.*
- Represented health care finance company in bankruptcy and litigation related to chiropractic and dental advertising agency.*

*Experience prior to Katten

- Texas VFW Foundation, Director
- The Honorable John C. Ford American Inn of Court
- Turnaround Management Association

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"John brings expertise and logic to the process." "He offers good responsiveness and common-sense solutions." "He has a strong grasp of bankruptcy law."

***Chambers USA 2023
(Texas,
Bankruptcy/Restructuring)
survey response***

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2019–2025
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2019–2025
- *Chambers USA*
 - Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2015–2025
- *D Magazine*
 - Best Lawyers in Dallas, 2022–2024
- Robert B. Wilson Distinguished Service Award
 - State Bar of Texas – Bankruptcy Law Section, 2007
- *Super Lawyers*
 - Texas, 2014, 2018–2024
- *Texas Monthly*
 - Texas Rising Star, 2005, 2007
- Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars J.T. Rutherford Award
 - 2012
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2021–2022
- Turnaround Management Association
 - International Turnaround of the Year Award, 2012

News

- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten Restructuring Awarded Multiple Turnaround Atlas Awards by the *Global M&A Network* (September 17, 2024)
- Katten Dallas Attorneys Recognized by Texas Super Lawyers 2024 (September 17, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers®* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)

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- Katten Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA* Guide 2024 (June 6, 2024)
- *D Magazine* Features 13 Dallas Partners as 2024 Best Lawyers (April 24, 2024)
- Katten Represents Real Estate Investment Trust in Chapter 11 Filing (April 10, 2024)
- Katten Dallas Attorneys Recognized by Texas Super Lawyers 2023 (September 18, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide* 2023 (June 1, 2023)
- *D Magazine* Recognizes 12 Dallas Partners on 2023 Best Lawyers List (April 27, 2023)
- *Texas Lawbook* Reflects on Five Years of Katten in Dallas in Q&A With Mark Solomon (April 14, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by 2022 Texas *Super Lawyers* (September 23, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers®* (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2022 (June 8, 2022)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)
- Dallas Attorneys Recognized in *D Magazine's* 2022 Best Lawyers List (April 22, 2022)
- *Global Restructuring Review* Profiles Katten's US and UK Insolvency and Restructuring Practice (December 3, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2021 Texas Super Lawyers List (September 22, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®* (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2020 Texas Super Lawyers List (October 19, 2020)
- Michaela Crocker Featured in *Reuters*, *Law360* (October 1, 2020)

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- Katten's Insolvency Practice Swells as Bankruptcy Work Grows (September 1, 2020)

Presentations and Events

- Restaurant Finance & Development Conference (November 15, 2017) | *Speaker* | *M&A and Casual Dining: Navigate and Find Opportunities in Distressed Restaurants*
- Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (AIRA) 2017 Annual Conference (June 2017) | *Speaker* | *Structured Dismissals*
- American Bankruptcy Institute Annual Spring Meeting (April 2017) | *Panelist* | *Why Are My Favorite Restaurants Closing? Review and Forecast of Restaurant Case Issues*
- Texas A&M University School of Law, 8th Energy Symposium (March 23, 2017) | *Panelist* | *Bankruptcy Issues in the Energy Sector*
- Dallas Bar Association, Energy Law Section (July 20, 2016) | *Presenter* | *Two Years In...A Look Back, Distress Today, and a View Toward the Future*
- Texas Aggie Bar Association, Annual Conference (March 6, 2016) | *Presenter*
- Texas Aggie Bar Association Annual Conference (March 2, 2013) | *Presenter* | *The Bankruptcy Courts and Code: Procedural, Ethical and Other Considerations for the Non-Bankruptcy Lawyer*