



# Yelena E. Archiyan

Partner

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Yelena Archiyan focuses her practice on commercial restructuring and reorganization matters, including out-of-court workouts, asset sales, liquidations and bankruptcy-related litigation. She helps creditors in bankruptcy proceedings recover assets, obtain relief from the automatic stay, and negotiate plan provisions. Yelena also represents debtors and has experience in the energy, oil and gas, precious metals, restaurant, and retail sectors.

## Experience leads to a depth of knowledge

Yelena served as a law clerk to the Honorable Russell F. Nelms of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. This experience gave her the unique opportunity to not only observe how judges consider and decide matters before them, but also play a key role in the decision-making process by recommending dispositions to the court. Yelena uses this experience to help guide clients through the judicial process.

## Representative Experience

### Creditor representation

- Represent midstream oil and gas companies in Chapter 11 proceedings and potential Chapter 11 filings throughout the United States.\*
- Represent REITs and landlords in Chapter 11 proceedings throughout the United States.\*
- Represented leading national midstream energy pipeline company in the Chapter 11 sale and liquidation of Philadelphia 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, in the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.\*
- Represented a group of unsecured creditors collectively holding in excess of \$20 million of claims in a Chapter 11 of a carbon alloy steel producer in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas.\*

## Practices

- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Real Estate
- Restaurant and Franchise Finance

## Industries

- Energy

## Education

- LLM, New York University School of Law
- JD, Michigan State University College of Law
- BS, Aquinas College

## Bar Admissions

- Texas
- New York
- Illinois

## Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- 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
- US District Court, Southern District of New York

## Community Involvements

- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation

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## Debtor representation

- Represented a Houston-based real estate investment trust (REIT) in its Chapter 11 filing, helping the company successfully close a \$135 million exit facility, in the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- Represented one of the largest pork producers in North America in a Chapter 11 in the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- Represented Republic Metals Corporation, one of the largest refiners of gold, silver and precious metals in North America, in a 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.\*
- Represented the Manhattan branch of a Beijing-based fine dining restaurant chain in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.\*

\*Experience prior to Katten

## Recognitions

*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
    - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021–2026
- Armenian Bar Association
  - Rising Stars Award, 2022

## News

- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Restructuring Awarded Multiple Turnaround Atlas Awards by the *Global M&A Network* (September 17, 2024)
- Katten Announces 2024 Partner Promotions (August 27, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers®* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Represents Real Estate Investment Trust in Chapter 11 Filing (April 10, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Turnaround Management Association
- Armenian Bar Association

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- *Texas Lawbook* Reflects on Five Years of Katten in Dallas in Q&A With Mark Solomon (April 14, 2023)
- Armenian Bar Association Honors Yelena Archiyan as a 2022 Rising Star (October 19, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers®* (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®* (August 19, 2021)

## Presentations and Events

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- 2024 NextGen Program (September 18–20, 2024) | *Participant*