



Julia M. Winters

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Litigation

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Julia Winters has honed her litigation skills handling complex restructuring and commercial disputes in bankruptcy, state and federal courts. She has proven herself a trusted advisor, blending her legal and business acumen with a client-centric approach. Julia's versatility as a litigator is evident in her experience with long, drawn-out legal fights and high-stakes litigation, as well as her ability to provide targeted and efficient counsel when required. She has represented a diverse range of clients, including indenture trustees, creditor groups, litigation trusts, debtors and independent directors.

Strategic litigator with an investor's mindset

As a strategic thinker, clients rely on Julia to develop solutions that make sense not only from a legal but also from a business perspective. Early in her career, Julia worked as an analyst for Bloomberg Intelligence and Reorg Research, which taught her to think like an investor. She brings an analyst's eye to her matters, enabling her to provide counsel that aligns with her clients' business objectives.

In addition to her litigation skills, Julia has refined her ability to translate complex restructuring proceedings into comprehensible information for non-lawyers. This skill, coupled with her holistic view of a client's legal and business goals, makes her a steady guide through the rough waters of restructuring litigation. Julia's collaborative work style is underpinned by her belief that a diverse team is stronger than any individual.

Beyond her practice, Julia mentors junior attorneys within Katten and through Girls Just Wanna Have Funds' NextGen program. She has also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth S. Stong of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, was an executive articles editor for the Brooklyn Journal of International Law and taught legal writing at Brooklyn Law School as an adjunct professor for several years.

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement
- Litigation

Education

- JD, Brooklyn Law School, *Cum Laude*
- Master of Urban Planning, Hunter College
- BA, University of Michigan

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- US District Court, Southern District of New York
- US District Court, Eastern District of New York

Professional & Community Involvement

- 100 Women in Finance
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Girls Just Wanna Have Funds
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation

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Representative Experience

- Represented an indenture trustee in a breach of contract action against Intralot Capital Luxembourg S.A. in the Southern District of New York.
- Represented a hospitality group that owns and operates multiple restaurant chains in connection with purchasing substantially all of the assets of the Maison Kayser debtors.
- Represented independent directors in the Gulfport Energy Corporation, Mallinckrodt plc, and Seadrill Limited bankruptcy cases.
- Represented an unsecured notes indenture trustee and official committee member in the Nine West bankruptcy.*
- Represented a significant creditor in the Claire's bankruptcy.*
- Represented creditors in the LightSquared bankruptcy.*
- Represented creditors in the ResCap bankruptcy.*
- Represented creditors in the bankruptcy of Salander Galleries.*

*Experience prior to Katten

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2021–2022
- Women We Admire
 - Top 100 Women Leaders of New York, 2021

News

- Julia Winters Featured in *Bloomberg FICC Focus* Podcast on Distressed Governance (July 1, 2024)
- Insolvency and Restructuring Team Recognized With Multiple International M&A Awards (August 7, 2023)
- Insolvency and Restructuring Team Honored With Multiple *M&A Advisor Awards* (March 16, 2023)
- *Global M&A Network* Honors Katten's Insolvency and Restructuring Team With Turnaround Atlas Awards (August 11, 2022)

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- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2022 (June 8, 2022)
- *Global Restructuring Review* Profiles Katten's US and UK Insolvency and Restructuring Practice (December 3, 2021)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Pulls In Two More Bankruptcy Partners in New York (October 29, 2020)

Publications

- Mediation in Bankruptcy — An Important, Albeit Unwieldy Tool (November 2022)

Presentations and Events

- Pretrial Practice 2024 | Presented by the Practising Law Institute (PLI) (April 30, 2024) | *Co-Presenter* | *Responding to a Complaint*
- New York City Bankruptcy Conference (June 10, 2022) | *Panelist*