

Michaela Crocker Featured in *Reuters*, *Law360*

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Reuters and *Law360* featured the arrival of Michaela Crocker, a partner in the Insolvency and Restructuring practice, to Katten's Dallas office. Chairman Roger Furey noted the timeliness of the move in light of tremendous growth in bankruptcy work in Texas in particular. He stated, "So many companies are moving down there, and then they get hit with strong headwinds, that's where they're going to be filing." Michaela gave several reasons on why she chose Katten, including her respect for the firm's nationwide bankruptcy practice and its targeted effort to grow its Texas presence. It also provided her with the opportunity to work with Insolvency and Restructuring partner John Mitchell, another recent addition to the firm. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for him and his ability and the opportunity to collaborate with him and the other insolvency attorneys at Katten to grow the Dallas insolvency practice was just an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Michaela spoke about the particular impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the energy prices. "A significant portion of our work at this point is dealing with the after effects of what happened in the oil and gas industry." John Sieger, chair of the firm's Insolvency and Restructuring practice, praised her, stating, "Michaela is known as a talented attorney whose sophisticated business-minded approach gets to the root of what distressed companies need. She has a great deal of experience and is an excellent addition to our team."

- ["Bankruptcy talent tug-of-war continues in Texas with Katten hire," *Reuters*, September 24, 2020](#)
- ["Katten Adds Bankruptcy Partner In Dallas From Jones Day," *Law360*, September 24, 2020](#)

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