

# Michaela C. Crocker

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## Practices

FOCUS: Insolvency and Restructuring  
Distressed and Special Situations  
Investing  
Real Estate

## Industries

Energy

## Education

JD, Southern Methodist University  
Dedman School of Law, *Order of the Coif*  
BBA, New Mexico State University,  
*Regent's Scholar*

## Bar Admissions

Texas

## Court Admissions

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

## Community Involvements

Attorneys Serving the Community  
State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Law  
Section

Michaela Crocker helps clients navigate through the most complex Chapter 11 cases, both traditional and pre-negotiated. Over her career, she has managed plan negotiations, asset sales, debtor-in-possession financing, leases and executory contracts, preference and fraudulent transfer matters, and bankruptcy appeals.

## Sophisticated counsel rooted in the ability to see the big picture

Clients from across the country rely on Michaela's deep experience and business-oriented approach. She regularly represents debtors, creditors, Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 trustees, and creditors' committees with insolvency matters that range in complexity. Michaela is well versed in the unique needs of clients in the retail, telecommunications and energy sectors.

Michaela served as a law clerk to the Honorable Barbara J. Houser of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, allowing her to work closely with bankruptcy judges in Texas and beyond. While in law school, she served as articles editor of *SMU Law Review*.

## Representative Experience

- Represented more than 100 affiliated debtors in a pre-negotiated Chapter 11 case based on a debt-for equity exchange that was confirmed within 75 days of case filing.\*
- Represented debtors in the liquidation of one of the largest retail furniture chains in Texas.\*
- Represented the Chapter 11 trustee of a holding company that owed non-debtor operating subsidiaries engaged in telecommunications and media businesses in the United States, Virgin Islands, Martinique and Guadeloupe.\*

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- Represented multiple debtors subject to mass tort liability seeking to establish asbestos trusts under Section 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code.\*

\*Experience prior to Katten

## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- The Legal 500 United States
  - Recommended Attorney, 2021

## News

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- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Michaela Crocker Featured in *Reuters*, *Law360* (October 1, 2020)
- Katten's Busy Bankruptcy Practice Continues to Draw Top Talent (September 21, 2020)

## Presentations and Events

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- 13th Anniversary Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference | State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Law Section (April 19, 2019) | *Panelist* | *Judges and Law Clerks Panel*
- Bankruptcy Workshop | Federal Bar Association (November 2013) | *Presenter*
- Southern District of Texas Houston/Galveston Bench Bar Conference (June 21–22, 2012) | *Presenter* | *Bankruptcy Case Law Review*

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- Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference (February 22–24, 2012) | *Presenter | Best Practices – First Day Motions and Hearings*
- *American College of Bankruptcy Circuit Review* (2011–2012) | *Contributor*
- *Shifting Sands: Claims Transfer Focus* (2003) | *Co-author | University of Texas Advanced Business Bankruptcy Seminar*
- *Sarbanes-Oxley—Key Bankruptcy Related Issues* (2002) | *Co-author | Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section*