

Deirdre B. Ruckman

Partner/Retired



Retired partner, Deirdre (Dee) Ruckman, an accomplished bankruptcy attorney, has substantial experience representing debtors and creditors in complex reorganizations and in sales of distressed assets in bankruptcy, especially in the energy, healthcare and hospitality sectors. She had a regional and national practice, handling matters involving restructurings of both private and public debt. Dee is a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Bankruptcy, and was active in the Energy, Healthcare and Hospitality Industries.

Chambers USA describes Dee as, a very thorough and creative lawyer [with] extensive bankruptcy litigation experience.

Regardless of the industry, clients increasingly turned to Dee when seeking a chapter 11 attorney to handle the sophisticated disposition of distressed assets involved in bankruptcy. Dee has represented borrowers and financial institutions with structured financing/asset securitizations. Her lender-related work included such matters as loan transactions, equipment leasing, factoring transactions and structured finance transactions.

Dee's clients appreciated her creative approach to problem solving, especially in complicated deals. During her 45 years with the firm, she chaired the Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice for 10 years and held other numerous firm leadership positions.

Awards and Recognition

- Co-Recipient, 2013 Turnaround Award: Healthcare and Life Science Deal of the Year (Over \$100 Million) (award recognizes the leading distressed investing, restructuring and turnaround professionals across the United States and international markets)
- Member, Department of Defense, Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC 68)

- Recognized, *The Best Lawyers® in America* (Steven Naifeh & Gregory White Smith eds., Woodward/White Inc.)
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2006-2018)
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy (2012-2018)
- Recognized, IFLR1000
 - Energy, Financial Restructuring & Healthcare (2018)
- Recognized, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Tom Wicker ed., Chambers & Partners)
 - Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas) (2004-2017)
- Recognized, *Texas Super Lawyers®*, a Thomson Reuters business, as published in *Texas Super Lawyers Magazine*
 - Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights (2003-2015)
 - Bankruptcy: Business (2016-2017)
 - Top 50 Women: *Texas Super Lawyers* (2017)
- Recognized, *Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law*, The Legal Media Group
 - Insolvency and Restructuring Law (2010-2015)
- Recognized, The Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*
- Recognized, The Best Women Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*
- Recognized, *Guide to the World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers*, The Legal Media Group (2003-2015)
- Recognized, Martindale-Hubbell® Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers™ since inception in 2012
- Recognized, AV Preeminent® 5.0 out of 5 Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™

Affiliations

- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Fellow, Texas Bar Association
- Delegate, Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference
- Master, American Inns of Court
- Member, American Bar Association
- Life Patron Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation

Community Involvement

- Member, State Fair of Texas Board of Advisors
- Member, former Chairperson, Greater Dallas Chamber Executive Women's Roundtable
- Member, former President, Swiss Avenue Women's Guild
- Member, former President, Swiss Avenue Historic District Association

Education

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D., 1975)
- Chestnut Hill College (B.S., 1970)

Admissions

- Texas (1975)
- Texas State Courts (1975)
- Supreme Court of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court