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PRACTICE AREAS

- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Commercial Litigation
- Healthcare Law
- Financial Institutions Litigation

EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma (B.B.A. Finance magna cum laude, 2004)
- Southern Methodist University (J.D. magna cum laude, 2007)

ADMISSIONS

- 2007, Texas
- 2008, U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- 2011, Oklahoma
- 2011, U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
- 2013, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma
- 2013, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth

BIOGRAPHY

Clayton D. Ketter is a Director and the Firm's Litigation Practice Group Leader. Clay represents individuals and companies in a wide range of commercial matters with an emphasis on financial restructuring for a variety of industries.

Clayton has extensive experience in financial restructuring and bankruptcy matters, representing debtors, creditors, Chapter 7 trustees and official and informal creditors' committees in all aspects of the bankruptcy process.

His practice also focuses on complex state and federal litigation involving a variety of claims. Clayton handles complex commercial trial work, including representation of numerous banks and financial institutions. He has particular experience prosecuting and defending claims related to the foreclosure process.

He received his B.B.A. magna cum laude in finance in 2004 from the University of Oklahoma and his J.D. magna cum laude in 2007 from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. While in law school, he was an associate editor of SMU Law Review and a member of Order of the Coif.

Clayton is the former chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Oklahoma County Bar Association.

A native Oklahoman, Clayton was raised in El Reno and now resides in Oklahoma City. Prior to joining the firm in 2011, he practiced law in the Dallas office of a large, international law firm.

EXPERIENCE

- Successfully guided multiple businesses through the Chapter 11 process, allowing them to reorganize burdensome liabilities and emerge as viable concerns
- Represented creditors in numerous bankruptcy cases, protecting their interests and working to maximize the return on their claims
- Prosecuted and defended fraudulent transfer, preference, and other avoidance actions
- Obtained numerous judgments in favor of banking and financial institutions enforcing loan documents and defeating counterclaims raised by the borrowers
- Represented multinational, regional and local companies in litigation involving a wide-array of claims and issues

Circuit

- 2015, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma
- 2015, U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

EXPERTISE

- Representation of numerous debtors in Chapter 11 reorganizations in industries, including: Oil & Gas, Restaurant, Hotel/Hospitality, & Real Estate
- Represented creditors in a wide range of reorganization issues including claim prosecution and defense of preference, fraudulent transfer and avoidance actions
- Representation of debtors and creditors in successful sales of assets through the bankruptcy process
- Representation of formal and informal committees of unsecured creditors in numerous large Chapter 11 cases
- Acted as special counsel to Chapter 7 trustees in prosecution of fraudulent transfer, preference and other avoidance actions
- Representation of banks and other financial institutions in a wide range of contested litigation matters, including extensive experience prosecuting foreclosure matters and defending claims stemming therefrom
- Representation of companies and individuals in contractual disputes

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Oklahoma County Bar Association (Young Lawyers Division, Board Member)
- American Bar Association

RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers®: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2019-present)
- Best Lawyers®: , Commercial Litigation (2019-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Litigation - Bankruptcy (2020-present)
- Best Lawyers®: Financial Services Regulation Law (2021)
- Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters: Rising Star (2012)

PUBLICATIONS

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- [Bankruptcy filings broke pattern in 2020, fell during pandemic onset](#)
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