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Jeff's experience includes out of court restructurings and commercial bankruptcy proceedings for a wide variety of lending and borrowing clients, including representation of unofficial committees, bondholders and debenture-holders, banks and institutional investors, creditors' committees and debtors-in-possession. Major cases in which Jeff has actively participated include the Hunt brothers' trust estate and individual bankruptcy cases, Continental Airlines, Inc., Zale Corporation, NCS, Inc. (Stop-N-Go), Columbia Transmission Corporation, CompuAdd, Texas State Optical, Ninfa's and Stage Stores (Palais Royal). Jeff represented Mobile Energy Services Company in its chapter 11 case. Jeff was co-debtors' counsel for Sterling Chemicals and served as special counsel to the debtors in the Enron bankruptcy cases. Jeff also served as committee counsel in the Philip Services Corporation bankruptcy case and represented the non-filing parent in the Palco Lumber Company and Scotia Pacific Company bankruptcy cases. Jeff also served as lender's counsel in the Yukos Oil Company bankruptcy case. Jeff represented Dune Energy, Inc. in its 2011 out of court restructuring.

Jeff has received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, indicating "Very High to Preeminent" legal ability. He was selected as one of eight bankruptcy attorneys in the nation honored in the April 2001 edition of the publication *Turnarounds and Workouts* as "Outstanding Young Bankruptcy Lawyers 2001." He has been annually selected by his peers in 2003-2011 as a Texas Super Lawyer as published in *Texas Monthly* magazine, and has been profiled as one of the leading Bankruptcy/Restructuring lawyers in Texas by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* in 2006-2011.

PUBLICATIONS

- Payments by Enron are "Settlement Payments" under the Bankruptcy Code's Safe Harbor Provisions (July 18, 2011)
- "Trading Contracts – A Bankruptcy Overview" *Houston Chapters of the Energy Bar Association and ABA Gas and Power Marketing Section* (2002)
- "Bond Defaults: Critical Issues & Strategies" *The Oil and Gas Industry Bankruptcy and Workouts Forum* (September 23, 1999)
- "Bad Faith Bankruptcies" *The Houston Lawyer* (September 1989)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Profiled as one of the leading Bankruptcy/Restructuring lawyers in Texas, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* (2006-2012)
- Profiled as one of "Texas' Top Rated Lawyers" by *ALM* in Bankruptcy (2012)

INDUSTRIES

Banking/Financial Services
Construction
Electric
Energy
Energy Regulatory
Energy Services
Energy Transactions
Federal Regulatory
Finance
Hospitality and Hotels
Investment Funds
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
Manufacturing and Sales
Natural Gas
Oil and Gas
Private Equity
Real Estate
Restaurant
Venture Capital

PRACTICES

Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring
Commercial Litigation
Energy Disputes and Litigation

EDUCATION

JD, 1986, The University of Texas School of Law
BS, 1983, *magna cum laude*, Electrical Engineering, Rice University, Phi Beta Kappa, Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi

ADMISSIONS

Texas 1986

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- Texas Super Lawyer in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, *Texas Monthly* (2003-2011)

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

- "Developments and Current Issues in Asbestos," Defense Research Institute Asbestos Medicine Seminar (2004)
- "The Endgame: Getting Out of Chapter 11," The University of Texas School of Law Annual Bankruptcy Conference (2003)
- "New Traps for the Unwary: Protecting Secured Creditors Before, During and After Bankruptcy," ABA 1996 Spring Meeting, Secured Creditors' Subcommittee (1996)
- "Bankruptcy Fundamentals for Lawyers and Legal Assistants," South Texas College of Law (1994)
- "Calculation of the Limit on Rejection Damages for the Lessor of Real Property," ABA 1992 Annual Meeting, Section of Business Law (1992)

AFFILIATIONS

- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Bankruptcy Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- American Inns of Court (Master of the Bench)

PRESS RELEASES

- 35 Andrews Kurth Lawyers Named in Texas Super Lawyers 2011 (September 12, 2011)
- 33 Andrews Kurth Lawyers Named in Texas Super Lawyers 2010 (September 10, 2010)
- 35 Andrews Kurth Lawyers Named in Texas Super Lawyers 2009 (September 16, 2009)
- Thirty-Five Andrews Kurth Partners Named in Texas Super Lawyers 2008 (October 3, 2008)
- Andrews Kurth Receives High Rankings in Chambers USA Guide (June 25, 2007)

US District Court for the Southern District of Texas

US District Court for the Northern District of Texas

US District Court for the Western District of Texas

US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit