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Monica's practice includes representation of debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and creditors' committees in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, Monica represents lenders in out-of-court restructurings. Recently, Monica has worked on the Chapter 11 cases of PJ Finance Company LLC, North Park Terrace Apartments, AGE Refining, Inc., Broadstar Wind Systems, Opus East, NextMedia Group, Inc., Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, M.B.S. Management Inc., DBSI, Inc., Ritz Camera, Home Interiors, The Bombay Company, Kitty Hawk Airlines and Mirant Corporation.

In recent years, Monica's practice has focused on representing debtors and secured lenders. Her primary focus for lenders has been in real estate related bankruptcies in connection with originated and securitized loans. Many of these cases involved representation of servicers and special servicers on behalf of trustees in commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) transactions. Monica has also represented lenders and servicers in loan assumptions and loan modifications both in and out of court.

Monica practices before courts in Texas, New York, Delaware, North Carolina, Louisiana, Illinois and other states.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented debtors in restructurings, both in and out of court
- Represented loan servicers in multiple multimillion-dollar loan restructurings both in and out of bankruptcy court
- Represented secured lenders in assumptions and modifications of securitized loans
- Represented secured lenders in out-of-court restructurings and in-court bankruptcy cases in Texas, New York and Delaware
- Represented unsecured creditors committees

PUBLICATIONS

- "Receivership," *Trigild Bestbook, 4th Edition* (2012)
- Payments by Enron are "Settlement Payments" under the Bankruptcy Code's Safe Harbor Provisions (July 18, 2011)
- "The Rejectability of Arbitration Clauses: Part II" *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal* (June 2007)
- "The Rejectability of Arbitration Clauses" *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal* (April 2007)

INDUSTRIES

Banking/Financial Services
Real Estate

PRACTICES

Banking/Financial Services
Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring
Real Estate
Real Estate
Finance/Capital Markets
Structured Finance and Securitization

EDUCATION

JD, 1996, *cum laude*,
Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
BBA, 1993, *cum laude*,
James Madison University

ADMISSIONS

Texas 1996
US District and Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas
US District and Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas
US District and Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas
US District and Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas
US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Profiled as one of "Texas' Top Rated Lawyers" by *ALM* in Bankruptcy (2012)
- Texas Rising Star, *Texas Monthly* (2011)
- Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program's Finest
- Martindale-Hubbell rated AV, highest rating available

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

- Presentation to clients regarding Landlord & Tenant Bankruptcy Issues
- "Technology in the Courtroom," co-presented at the 2008 Trial Academy of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (May 21, 2008)
- "Bankruptcy, What's New?", co-presented with Jason Brookner to the North Texas Paralegal Association, Belo Mansion (March 13, 2008)

AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section, Chair
- Host Committee Member and Chair for Women on the Move Luncheon benefiting National MS Society
- Board of Directors of Cancer Support Communities of North Texas (formerly Gilda's Club)
- John C. Ford American Inn Court - Barrister
- State Bar of Texas

PRESS RELEASES

- Andrews Kurth Lawyers Recognized as 2011 Texas Rising Stars (March 17, 2011)
- Andrews Kurth Elects Ten New Partners for 2011 (November 29, 2010)