



## Eli Columbus

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**PRACTICES** Restructuring, Distressed Real Estate, Energy, Power and Natural Resources, Bankruptcy Litigation, Counterparty Insolvency and Risk Management, Distressed M&A, Lender Representation, Chapter 11 Debtor, Healthcare Transactions and Regulatory

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Recognized by *Chambers USA*, 2018-2024 (Chambers & Partners) in Texas for bankruptcy/restructuring, Eli Columbus represents a diverse group of clients in a range of restructuring matters.

Eli assists banks, private equity funds, commercial lenders, and other secured creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and out-of-court restructurings. He represents buyers in distressed asset acquisitions, including 363 sales, and debtors in Chapter 11 cases. Eli also counsels unsecured creditors, including landlords, vendors, lessors, trade creditors, investors, unsecured creditors' committees, and other unsecured creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings.

Clients seek Eli's representation in a variety of commercial bankruptcy litigation, including contract disputes, preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, stay relief litigation, disputes related to confirmation of Chapter 11 plans, and cash collateral/DIP financing disputes.

In *Chambers USA*, a client describes Eli as "very sharp," while another notes that he is "knowledgeable on technical requirements and their practical and tactical effects. He is completely at home on his feet in court hearings and he is very aware of industry trends." (2021, Chambers and Partners). Eli has also been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2012-2023 (Woodward/White, Inc.) for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law.

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## QUALIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 2000, *magna cum laude*; Full Regents Scholarship
- B.A., Texas Tech University, 1996, *magna cum laude*; President's List; Dean's List

### LANGUAGES

- Spanish

## ADMISSIONS

- Texas

## COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas
  - U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas
  - U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas
  - U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas
  - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
  - U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
  - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
  - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
  - U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- State Bar of Texas
  - Dallas Bar Association
  - DBA Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, Chair, 2011; Vice Chair, 2010; Treasurer, 2009
  - DFW Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers, Board Member and Treasurer, 2008-2009
  - State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section Young Lawyers Committee
  - Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
  - Hispanic National Bar Association
  - Texas Tech University Alumni Association
  - DFW Hispanic Bar Association
  - John C. Ford American Inn of Court, Barrister
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## SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- Secured Creditors: Representation of banks, private equity funds, commercial lenders, and other secured creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and out of court workouts and restructuring.
  - Purchasers: Representation of parties in distressed asset acquisitions.
  - Debtors: Representation of business debtors in Chapter 11 cases.
  - Unsecured Creditors: Representation of unsecured creditors' committees, landlords, vendors, lessors, trade creditors, investors, and other unsecured creditors in commercial bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings.
  - Trustees: Representation of Chapter 11 plan/liquidating trustees and Chapter 7 trustees.
  - Litigation: Representation of plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of commercial bankruptcy litigation, including contract disputes, preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, stay relief litigation, disputes related to confirmation of Chapter 11 plans, and cash collateral/DIP financing disputes.
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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2012-2025

- Recognized by *Chambers USA*, Chambers & Partners, in Texas for Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2018-2024
- Recognized as one of the “Best Lawyers of Dallas” by *D Magazine*, D Magazine Partners, for Bankruptcy-Workout, 2019, 2022
- Recognized in 2022 for having been included in *Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters, top-attorney lists for 10 years or more
- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters, 2013-2024
- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars* for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights, Thomson Reuters, 2006-2013
- Listed in The Best Dallas Lawyers Under 40, *D Magazine*, D Magazine Partners, 2006
- Featured in *Lawdragon 500* Leading Global Restructuring and Insolvency Lawyers and U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers listings, 2020-2024