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PRACTICES Restructuring, Bankruptcy Litigation, Counterparty Insolvency and Risk Management, Distressed M&A, Lender Representation, Chapter 11 Debtor, Nuclear Energy, Asset Securitization, Distressed Transactions, Government Contract Restructuring Task Force

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Kenric Kattner focuses on bankruptcy, insolvency, and litigation matters and has been involved in numerous bankruptcy, reorganization, and litigation cases involving heavily litigated and complex legal issues. He has experience with many reorganization efforts representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, committees and asset purchasers in a wide range of cases involving manufacturing companies, airlines, computer and software firms, hospitality businesses, strategic asset acquisitions, retailers, wholesalers, real estate companies, service firms, travel agencies and individuals.

Ken has written numerous articles and has given speeches and lectures for trade groups, CLE courses and other professional associations, and is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Ken is co-author of the Labor and Employment chapter of the *Collier Guide to Chapter 11: Key Topics and Selected Industries*, published fall 2011.

Ken has served as an adjunct professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center.

Professional Recognition

- Recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., for Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2008-2023; Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2012-2024
- Featured in *Lawdragon 500* Leading Global Restructuring and Insolvency Lawyers and U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers listings, 2020-2024

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 1988
- B.A., English, Southern Methodist University, 1983
- B.B.A., Finance and Accounting, Southern Methodist University, 1983

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
- 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 Arkansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- State Bar of Texas Litigation, Business and Corporate Law Section of Texas Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Turnaround Management Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute

SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- Represented Erickson Incorporated as Debtor-in-Possession in Chapter 11.
- Represented Dune Energy, Inc. as Debtor-in-Possession in Chapter 11.
- Represented Global Aviation as Debtor-in-Possession in Chapter 11.
- Arrow Airlines, in its Chapter 11 case in Miami, Florida. Exited bankruptcy with confirmed plan and sale of company within seven months.
- Representation of ATA Airlines, Inc., in its Chapter 11 case.
- Gemini Air Cargo, Inc., in its pre-negotiated Chapter 11 case, which successfully exited bankruptcy within six months from filing. Negotiated and confirmed Chapter 11 plan providing for debt to equity conversion and restructured operations and aircraft fleet.
- MAIR Holdings, Inc., in the Chapter 11 case of its airline subsidiary, Mesaba Airlines.
- Highland Capital Management, L.P., in various restructuring matters and related Chapter 11 cases throughout the United States.
- Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., in its Chapter 11 case, which was one of the 10 largest bankruptcy filings in 2004 that both filed and exited bankruptcy in the same year. Negotiated and implemented a restructuring of the company's EETC transactions which is the first successful restructuring of an EETC financing undertaken in a bankruptcy case. Successfully confirmed Chapter 11 plan within six months from filing bankruptcy case.
- Major U.S. Airline in successfully defending and settling $30 million lawsuit involving various business torts including franchise act violations, joint venture partnership and unjust enrichment.
- FirstPlus Financial, Inc. as debtor in Chapter 11 case, which was one of 10 largest bankruptcy filings in 1999. Negotiated settlement of litigation with affiliates that provided sole source of funding for Plan. Devised Plan and settlement structure to resolve case.
- Drypers Corporation, a Chapter 11 debtor and manufacturer of disposable baby products with manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Malaysia and Latin America. Drypers was one of the largest cases filed in Houston, Texas in 2000.

- Unsecured creditors committee in Chapter 11 case of Empire Funding Corp., an entity which specialized in the acquisition, servicing and securitization of over $3 billion in HLTV mortgage loans.
- Lehndorff companies in successful litigation and settlement of multi-million dollar claims against former officers, directors and founders. Restructure financial affairs for certain entities in the Lehndorff companies pursuant to complex real estate and oil and gas roll-up transaction.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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