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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, Distressed Transactions

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.

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

- Represented Administrative Agent for a \$400 million senior secured credit facility in the Vyaire Medical, Inc. Chapter 11 cases pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- Represented BlockFi Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries in their Chapter 11 cases pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. BlockFi was an industry-leading provider of cryptocurrency related products and services.
- Represented Administrative Agent for a \$800 million senior secured credit facility in the Loyalty Ventures, Inc. Chapter 11 cases pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.
- Represented Administrative Agent for a \$500 million senior secured credit facility in the Arena Energy LP Chapter 11 cases pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.
- Represented Administrative Agent for a \$190 million senior secured credit facility in the Sundance Energy, Inc. Chapter 11 cases pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.
- Represented Administrative Agent for \$300 million senior secured credit facility in the comprehensive out-of-court financial restructuring of Tapstone Energy, LLC.
- Represented Corsicana Mattress and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.
- Representation of Erickson Incorporated and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 reorganization in the Northern District of Texas. Erickson was a specialized helicopter manufacturer and service

provider.

- Represented buyer of substantially all of the Debtor’s oil and gas assets for \$132 million in the White Star Petroleum Holdings, et al. Chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.
- Represented stalking horse buyer of substantially all of the Debtor’s oil and gas assets for \$110 million in the Parallel Energy LP, et al. Chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- Represented buyer of resort property and related real estate for \$67 million in Amelia Island Company Chapter 11 case in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida.

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