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

For three decades, Stephen Pezanosky has handled complex financial restructurings. Steve represents debtors, lenders, lender groups, and other constituents in insolvency matters across the country, as well as buyers and sellers of distressed companies. Although he has worked in numerous business sectors over the years, Steve has developed particular knowledge in the energy, real estate, and technology industries. Steve's practice is national in scope, including recent matters in New York, Delaware, California, Colorado, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Puerto Rico.

Clients consider Steve to be practical and pragmatic and appreciate his business-minded approach to their matters. Solutions-oriented, he seeks to efficiently resolve problems for clients and get their deals done. Steve believes that a good lawyer offers clients "Three As:" Ability, Availability, and Affability. Skilled at what he does, Steve is also responsive to clients and easy to work with.

Steve has been recognized as one of the top restructuring practitioners over the past decade in *Chambers USA*, 2010-2024, *Chambers and Partners*; *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2024, Woodward/White, Inc.; and *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2003-2023, Thomson Reuters. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

As a father of two sons, one of whom has Down Syndrome, Steve is deeply committed to causes relating to children and young adults with mental disabilities. He is a member of the National Down Syndrome Congress and very involved with the Kinderfrogs program at Texas Christian University, as well as Our Mother of Perpetual Help Educational Program, which serves children and young adults with Down Syndrome, autism, and similar intellectual and developmental differences.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 1991, *cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Note Editor, *Texas Tech Law Review*

- B.A., Texas Tech University, 1988, *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas Supreme Court
 - United States Supreme Court
 - 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 Western District of Texas
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Home Field Advantage: Venue Litigation Lessons from Patriot Coal and EFH,” 2014 Northern District of Texas Bankruptcy Bench/Bar Conference, Dallas, TX, June 20, 2014.
 - “KB Toys Highlights Pitfalls for Bankruptcy Claims Buyers,” co-author, *Law360*, December 4, 2013.
 - “Buyer’s Remorse: Successor Liability after the Sale,” co-author, The University of Texas School of Law 30th Annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, November 17-18, 2011.
 - Contributing Co-Author, 2007-2008 *Bankruptcy Litigation Manual*, Aspen Law & Business.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy
 - Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation
 - State Bar of Texas
 - Dallas Bar Association
 - Fort Worth Bar Association
 - American Bar Association, Section of Business Law
 - American Bankruptcy Institute
 - John C. Ford Inn of Courts
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SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- Represented the acquirer of a publicly-traded oil and gas company in Chapter 11 case involving multiple off-shore platforms and properties.
- Represented a national merchant utility (as Chapter 11 debtor) in \$1 billion bankruptcy claims litigation.
- Represented a publicly-traded oil field services company as a debtor in a successful pre-negotiated Chapter 11 bankruptcy case, which culminated in the sale of the company for \$195

million.

- Represented the debtor in the successful Chapter 11 case of the nation's largest distributor of products used in manufactured housing industry.
 - Represented a privately-held maker of fiber-optic components in its \$500 million sale to a Fortune 100 company.
 - Represented the largest manufacturer of wafer handling equipment used in the semi-conductor industry in its successful reorganization under Chapter 11.
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA*, Chambers and Partners - Bankruptcy and Restructuring in Texas, 2010-2024
- Recognized as a Top Attorney in Tarrant County by *360 West Magazine*, Scott Publications, 2018
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc. - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2005-2007, 2009-2025; Corporate Law, 2016-2023
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters, Bankruptcy, 2003-2020, 2022-2024
- Attorneys of Excellence - Elite 100; *Fort Worth Business Press*, 2003-2005
- Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, D Magazine Partners, 2015-2018, 2022, 2025
- Top Attorney in Bankruptcy, *Fort Worth Magazine*, Panther City Media Group, LP, 2004-2014 and 2016-2018, 2021-2023
- Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40, *D Magazine*, D Magazine Partners, 2002
- *Martindale Hubbell® Law Directory* with a Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent
- Featured in *Lawdragon 500* Leading Global Restructuring and Insolvency Lawyers and U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers listings, 2020-2024
- Recognized on the list of Top 100 Texas lawyers in Dallas/Fort Worth by *Texas Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters, 2020 & 2022