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PRACTICES Finance, Real Estate Finance, Corporate, Asset-Based Lending, Chapter 11 Debtor, Lender Representation

Laura Shapiro is an associate in the Finance Practice Group in the Dallas office of Haynes Boone. She represents borrowers, financial institutions and alternative lenders in a variety of commercial and corporate transactions. Her practice focuses on general commercial finance, acquisition financing, construction lending, real estate secured transactions, note-on-note financing, recapitalization transactions, restructurings and other large corporate credit facilities.

Laura is solutions-focused and detail-oriented in her representations of both lenders and borrowers. She enjoys engaging with diverse teams and contributing to Haynes Boone's well-established collaborative culture. Laura's representative matters include a wide range of deal size and borrower-type, from large international investment grade facilities and agent bank syndications to smaller regional transactions and Texas local counsel representations. She has worked on matters spanning many industries, including retail, food service, industrial and multifamily construction, manufacturing, professional services, energy, healthcare, technology, and more.

Outside of work, Laura is a member of the Real Estate Council Young Guns, the Dallas Bar Association and the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. Laura was a member of the Social Venture Partners Dana Juett Residency Class of 2019. She continues to be involved with Social Venture Partners Dallas as a member of their partner network.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 2017, *summa cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, Hatton W. Sumners Scholar, *SMU Law Review*, Staff Editor
- B.A., University of Oklahoma, 2014, *summa cum laude*

CLERKSHIPS

- Judicial Extern to the Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, 2015

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "EBITDA Adjustments in Loan Negotiations" co-author, *Thomson Reuters Practical Law*, October 2024.
 - "EBITDA: Loan Agreement Negotiating Considerations" co-author, *Thomson Reuters Practical Law*, October 2024.
 - "What's Market: EBITDA Add-Backs (2023/2024)," contributor, *Thomson Reuters Practical Law Finance*, October 2024.
 - "Affirmative and Negative Loan Covenants: Customizing Obligations and Restrictions Specific to the Transaction," *CLE Webinar for Strafford*, September 26, 2024.
 - "Make-Whole Premiums in Bankruptcy – A Decision that Hertz Creditors," co-author, *Newsletter for Business Law Section of the State Bar of Texas*, Winter 2023.
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SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- Represented Construction Partners, Inc. with respect to the financing aspects of its approximately \$950 million acquisition of a prominent Austin, Texas-based asphalt manufacturing and paving company.
 - Represented multi-state restaurant group in connection with \$127.5mm working capital facility with private equity investors.
 - Represented Brookshire Grocery Co. in the financing of its acquisition of Reasor's LLC.
 - Represented Landry's, Inc. in the sale of Golden Nugget Online Gaming, Inc. in a take-public sale, as part of a \$745 million de-SPAC Transaction.
 - Represented borrower in negotiating and documenting Credit Agreement secured by multi-jurisdictional artwork collateral.
 - Represented, Trinity Industries, Inc., a publicly-traded provider of rail transportation products and services, in obtaining a \$650 million credit facility in connection with the spin-off transaction of an infrastructure subsidiary, resulting in the separation of the companies and the creation of two credit facilities totaling more than \$1.25 billion.
 - Represented Blucora, Inc. in securing a \$175,000,000 incremental term loan to finance the acquisition of HK Financial Services, a CPA-focused, captive registered investment advisor.
 - Represented public insurance agency in the amendment and restatement of a \$105mm syndicated credit facility.
 - Represented Landry's, Inc. and its subsidiaries in a \$300 million increase to the existing term facility and a \$30 million increase to the existing revolving facility in connection with the acquisition, and joinder to the facilities, of the Del Frisco Restaurant Group.
 - Assisted with the representation of agent bank in the documentation and closing of acquisition financing collateralized by real and personal property.
 - Represented agent bank in connection with senior secured revolving loan secured by multi-jurisdictional oil and gas properties and assets.
 - Assisted lead agent in amending and restating \$500 million worth of revolving credit facilities to an investment grade insurance company and its affiliates.
 - Represented various borrowers in numerous secured and unsecured working capital lines of credit, senior and subordinated financings, and real estate financings.
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Included in the "Ones to Watch" category of *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 2023-2025
- Recognized by *D Magazine*, D Magazine Partners, "Best Lawyers under 40," 2025