

Robert A. Simon

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Background

Robert A. Simon is a fourth generation Fort Worth lawyer who focuses in bankruptcy, bankruptcy litigation, and general insolvency.

Mr. Simon entered private practice as a bankruptcy lawyer in 1991. Since then, Mr. Simon has represented nearly every type of player in the bankruptcy arena, including debtors, bankruptcy trustees, commercial banks, non-bank lenders, unsecured creditors, equity holders, local taxing authorities, municipalities, official creditor committees, *ad hoc* (unofficial) creditor committees, asset purchasers, new equity investors, court-appointed professionals, and numerous defendants in preference and fraudulent transfer litigation.

As debtor's counsel, Mr. Simon has successfully led the reorganization of numerous local and regional companies. As counsel for judgment creditors in the Pittsburgh Corning Chapter 11 case, Mr. Simon helped change the nationwide template for the treatment of judgment creditors in asbestos bankruptcy cases. As litigation counsel for Placid Oil Company, Mr. Simon successfully resolved eight cases involving the discharge of pre-bankruptcy legacy claims against Placid Oil and obtained two favorable rulings from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding the discharge of such claims. As co-counsel for Rangers Baseball Express, LLC, Mr. Simon helped represent the successful purchaser of the Texas Rangers Baseball Team in the Team's 2010 bankruptcy.

Mr. Simon believes that formal bankruptcy proceedings are an expensive solution to debtor-creditor disputes and strives to resolve disputes informally through negotiation, if possible. Often, debtors and creditors can resolve their disputes more swiftly and more economically outside of bankruptcy. Mr. Simon prefers that approach, when possible, and has extensive experience in informal workouts, representing both debtor and creditors. In addition to bankruptcy and insolvency, Mr. Simon practices commercial litigation, real estate, and general business law.

Awards & Recognitions

Named a Top Attorney by Fort Worth Magazine for 2013 to present

Recognized as a Top Attorney by 360 West Magazine 2018 to present

Recognized as a Super Lawyer 2013-2022. Super Lawyers is a Thomson-Reuters service printed in Texas Monthly.

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Areas of Service

Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy Litigation

Business Law

Business Litigation

Creditor's Rights

Insolvency

Real Estate

Associations & Memberships

Board of Directors – Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County

Former President – Jewish Education Academy (Fort Worth and Tarrant County)

Board of Directors – Fort Worth Academy

Tarrant County Bar Association – Bankruptcy Section

Member – John C. Ford American Inn of Court, Rank of Master



Education

- JD, University of Texas 1990 (with Honors)
- Yale University 1986 (Magna Cum Laude – Honors in History)
- Master of Arts-War Studies, Kings College, University of London 1988

Bar/Court Admissions

- Texas Bar
- US District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals