

Jennifer Knapek

Shareholder

Practices: Finance & Banking; Business Restructuring/Bankruptcy; Syndicated Finance; Healthcare Finance; Energy Lending
Industries: Financial Services; Energy; Turnaround & Workout

Jennifer Knapek has represented banks, financial institutions, nontraditional lenders and investors, corporate lenders and borrowers in a variety of complex commercial finance transactions, workouts and real estate matters. Her wide range of experience in both commercial lending and workout transactions enables her to provide a broad perspective to clients in developing creative and efficient solutions to various issues. In addition to documenting and structuring commercial loan originations, her experience includes counseling clients involved with distressed loans both in and out of bankruptcy. She is a former co-chair of Winstead's Turnaround & Workout Industry Group. In addition to her legal practice, Jennifer has held several leadership roles in community and professional organizations.



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Education

Duke University School of Law

- J.D., 1992
- *with honors*

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

- B.A., 1989
- *magna cum laude*
- Phi Beta Kappa

Representative Experience

- Representation of agents, lenders and borrowers in syndicated financings, middle market and asset-based financings, real estate transactions, intercreditor and subordination arrangements, letter of credit facilities, project finance transactions, public finance transactions, equity financings, acquisition financings, multicurrency financings, sale/leaseback transactions and general contract matters
- Extensive experience in debtor-in-possession financings, debt workouts and restructures, foreclosures and litigation on behalf of banks, other financial institutions and borrowers
- Representation of clients in varied industries, including medical and healthcare, aviation, oil and gas, power and energy, real estate, manufacturing, construction, insurance, financial services, retail, restaurants, agricultural and transportation

Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Texas Association of Bank Counsel
- Women's Finance Exchange (Board of Directors, 2011)
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (Board of Directors, 2007-2010)
- Turnaround Management Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation (Fellow)
- Junior League of Dallas (Board of Directors, 2007-2008; Leadership Council 2005-2006 and 2009-2010)
- Élan Circle, Dallas Symphony Orchestra (Board of Directors, 2010, 2011)

- Methodist Health System Foundation (Board of Directors, 2006-2007)

Awards & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White Inc., 2013-2020
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2013-2019

Admissions

- Texas, 1992
- North Carolina, 1993