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Shareholder

Practices: Business Litigation; Restructuring & Insolvency; Government & Internal Investigations; Securities Litigation & Enforcement; White-Collar Defense; Healthcare

Industries: Financial Services; Investment Management & Private Funds; Healthcare

Matthias Kleinsasser is a seasoned litigator with experience in federal district court, bankruptcy court, and Texas state court. He is first and foremost a problem solver who takes a holistic approach to each matter, considering the client's individual goals and concerns. He is equally comfortable negotiating a resolution to a dispute out of court or litigating a high stakes lawsuit.

Matthias is a member of our Investment Management & Private Funds Industry Group, as well as our Business Litigation, White-Collar Defense, and Restructuring & Insolvency Practice Groups. His experience in the fields of bankruptcy and creditors' rights allows him to advise clients with respect to post-judgment remedies and debt restructuring options, enabling him to take a representation from the pre-suit stage to post-judgment proceedings with ease.

He regularly represents officers, directors, and other clients involved in investigations brought by regulatory agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission and the FDIC, as well as in private securities litigation. In contrast to many attorneys who seek to be highly specialized, Matthias prides himself on his ability to diligently represent clients in almost any kind of contested matter, be it a receivership, class action, arbitration, state court trial, or other dispute. He also frequently advises firm transactional clients with respect to contract negotiations and business disputes, particularly in the technology and healthcare fields.

Matthias has significant fraudulent transfer litigation experience. He has advised foreign clients on asset recovery procedures under United States law and is a Contributor to the CDR Essential Intelligence publication on "Fraud, Asset Tracing & Recovery." He has also represented debtors, creditors, and trustees in virtually all aspects of business bankruptcy proceedings, including contested asset sales and debtor-in-possession financing.

Matthias began his legal career with a view from the other side of the bench when he served as law clerk to the Honorable D. Michael Lynn, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Prior to joining Winstead, he practiced with large law firms in Dallas and Fort Worth and with a respected business bankruptcy boutique.

Matthias is a co-author for Winstead's [Securities Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement](#) blog.



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Education

University of Texas School of Law

– J.D., 2010

– *with honors*

– Research Editor, *The Review of Litigation*

University of California at Irvine

– B.A., History, 2005

Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas, Local Bar Services Committee, 2018-2019
- Selected as one of 20 members of 2017-2018 Leadership SBOT class, a statewide leadership class sponsored by the State Bar of Texas

- Honorable John C. Ford American Inn of Court (Bankruptcy), Member, 2010-present
- Tarrant County Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section Chair, 2013-2014
- DFW Association of Young Bankruptcy Attorneys, 2011-present
- ICC-FraudNet Future, a global organization of asset recovery professionals affiliated with ICC-FraudNet
- NAFER – National Association of Federal Equity Receivers

Awards & Recognition

- Top Attorney, *360 West Magazine*, 2019-2020
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* (Commercial Litigation) (BL Rankings, LLC), 2021-2024
- Tarrant County's Top Attorneys, *Fort Worth, Texas*, 2013-2023
- Top Attorney, Under 5 Years of Practice, *Fort Worth, Texas*, 2013-2014
- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2017-2023

Admissions

- Texas, 2010
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. District Courts, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas