

Melissa Ruman Stewart

Shareholder Chair, Syndicated Finance Practice Group; Chair, Finance & Banking Practice Group

Practices: Syndicated Finance; Finance & Banking; Business Restructuring/Bankruptcy; Real Estate
Industries: Financial Services; Real Estate

Licensed in both Texas and New York, Melissa Stewart has been representing both lenders and companies in middle market and large syndicated loan transactions and real estate secured finance since the inception of her practice. She routinely handles dollar and multicurrency national and international complex corporate financing, including tiered lending, secured transactions, real estate lending, and media and telecom finance. Melissa also has represented many companies in a wide variety of corporate transactions including acquisition, disposition and financing transactions.

Representative Experience

- Lead counsel to agents, lenders, bank groups and companies in structuring and restructuring middle market, secured and unsecured, tiered and syndicated financing transactions
- Lead counsel to lead left arrangers, bookrunners, and agents in large syndicated transactions, term B financings, and tiered lending for investment grade, highly leveraged and asset-based borrowers
- Lead counsel to agent in large syndicated transactions
- Lead counsel to agent for senior lenders in issuances with subordinated debt, second liens and other intercreditor arrangements

Professional & Community Service

- Texas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow)
- Dallas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow)
- Texas Association of Bank Counsel
- Executive Women of Dallas, 2010-2017
- Dallas Symphony Association: Board of Governors, 2001-present; Executive Board, 2008-2010; Nominating and Governance Committee, 2006-2010 (Chair, 2008-2010); Foundation Board, 2008
- The Winston School Board of Trustees, 2002-2017; Chairman of the Board, 2010-2014

Awards & Recognition

- *Chambers USA Guide to America*, Chambers & Partners Publishing, 2015-2019
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2003-2007, 2009-2019
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White Inc., 2006-2020
- The Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2011-2017
- The Best Women Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2010

Admissions

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Education

Tulane University
– J.D.
– *cum laude*
Newcomb College of Tulane University
– B.A.
– Dean's List

- Texas
- New York