

Melissa Ruman Stewart

Shareholder Member of Board of Directors; Chair, Syndicated Finance Practice Group

Practices: Finance & Lending; Syndicated Finance; Restructuring & Insolvency; Alternate & Renewable Energy
Industries: Financial Services; Airlines; 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 asset-based lending 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, negotiating and documenting 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 and lenders in negotiating, structuring and documenting workouts and credit restructurings
- 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)
- Dallas Symphony Foundation Board, 2022-present
- The Winston School Board of Trustees, 2002-2017; Chairman of the Board, 2010-2014

Awards & Recognition

- *Chambers USA Guide to America*, Chambers & Partners Publishing, 2015-2023
- *D CEO Dallas 500*, Most Powerful Business Leaders in Dallas 2022-2023
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2003-2007, 2009-2020
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, (BL Rankings, LLC), 2006-2024
- The Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2011-2017



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Education

Tulane University

- J.D.
- *cum laude*

Newcomb College of Tulane University

- B.A.
- Dean's List

- The Best Women Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2010

Admissions

- Texas
- New York