

Amber M. Carson

Associate

As an advisor for debtors, creditors, official committees, trustees and other parties in interest, Amber Carson represents clients in all facets of bankruptcy, creditors' rights and federal bankruptcy-related litigation matters. She has guided clients in many different industries, including healthcare, retail, construction, oil and gas, restaurant and manufacturing to successful outcomes in many courts in Texas and across the country.

The core of Amber's expertise in bankruptcy law stems from her judicial clerkship with a bankruptcy judge in the Northern District of Texas after law school. Her time viewing hundreds of hearings and gaining a perspective of how judges consider the matters before them gives Amber a unique advantage when solving problems for her clients.

Experience

- J.C. Penney Co., Inc., et al., Case No. 20-20182 (Bankr. S.D. Tex.): Co-counsel to GLAS USA LLC in its capacities as DIP Administrative Agent and successor Term Loan Agent, and GLAS Americas LLC in its capacity as DIP Collateral Agent
- Southern Foods Group, LLC, et al., Case No. 19-36313 (Bankr. S.D. Tex.) (the largest processor and direct-to-store distributor of dairy and dairy case products in the United States): Co-counsel to Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch, in its capacities as DIP Agent, DIP Arranger, Prepetition Agent, and Receivables Financing Agent
- Buzzards Bench, LLC et al., Case No. 20-32391 (owner and operator of natural gas wells and processing plant): Counsel to the Debtors
- Blitz Energy Services, LLC, Cause No. 19-04027 (68th District Court of Dallas County, Texas) (oil and gas midstream construction services): Counsel to the Receiver



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Industries

Energy
Construction
Healthcare
Real Estate
Restaurants & Clubs

Practices

Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy

Education

J.D., Southern Methodist University
Dedman School of Law (2012)
B.B.A., University of Massachusetts at
Amherst (2009)

Judicial Clerkships

Honorable Harlin D. Hale, United States
Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern
District of Texas

Bar Admissions

Texas (2012)

Court Admissions

United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern
District of Texas
United States Bankruptcy Court,

- Fenton Motors of Dallas, et al., Cause No. 219-00424-2019 (219th District Court of Collin County, Texas) (automobile dealerships): Counsel to the Receiver
 - PHI Inc., et al., Case No. 19-30923 (Bankr. N.D. Tex.) (helicopter services): Local Counsel to the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders
 - Rockies Region 2006 Limited Partnership, et al., Case No. 18-33513 (Bankr. N.D. Tex.) (oil and gas limited partnerships): Counsel to the Debtors
 - In re LaPier, Case No 18-03643 (Bankr. M.D. Fla.): Special Counsel to the Trustee
 - Lockwood Holdings, Inc., et al., Case No. 18-30197 (Bankr. S.D. Tex.) (international supplier of pipe, valves, fittings, and flanges to the oil and gas industry): Counsel to the Debtors
 - Preferred Care Inc., et al., Case No. 17-44642 (Bankr. N.D. Tex.) (skilled nursing facilities): Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
 - Vasari, LLC, Case No. 17-44346 (Bankr. N.D. Tex.) (Dairy Queen franchise): Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
- Northern District of Texas
United States Bankruptcy Court,
Southern District of Texas
United States Bankruptcy Court,
Western District of Texas
United States District Court, Eastern
District of Texas
United States District Court, Northern
District of Texas
United States District Court, Southern
District of Texas
United States District Court, Western
District of Texas

Press Releases

- “Gray Reed Associate Amber Carson Selected to the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Next Generation Program” (July 10, 2020)
- “Gray Reed Establishes Task Force to Help Get Clients “Back to Business”” (April 21, 2020)
- “Gray Reed Welcomes Three Attorneys” (October 12, 2017)

Thought Leadership

- “CARES Act Amendments to the U.S. Bankruptcy Code”, State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section’s COVID-19 Legal Resources (July 8, 2020)
- “The Impact of the CARES Act on the U.S. Bankruptcy Code”, Gray Reed Legal Alert (April 7, 2020)
- “In the Land of Structured Dismissals, the Code’s Priority Scheme is Still King: The Supreme Court Resolves the Circuit Split in *Czyzewski v. Jevic Holding Corp.*”, *State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section Newsletter* (January 2019)
- “Golf and Fuel: A Potentially Combustible Mixture Across Statutes and Jurisdictions (Fraudulent Conveyances)”, Presented at the 36th Annual National CLE Conference, Snowmass, Colorado (January 2, 2019)
- “The Extraterritorial Power of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code’s Automatic Stay”, *Dallas Bar Association’s Headnotes* (June 26, 2018)
- “Bankruptcy”, *SMU Annual Texas Survey - Volume 3* (2017)
- “You Can’t Sue Me: Preclusion of Claims Against Professionals”, *ABI Journal* 8, 28-29, 69-70 (August 2017)
- “The Common Law System Has Really, Terribly, Horribly, Gotten These Cases Wrong”, Published for the 2017 State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference (June 1, 2017)
- “In the Land of Structured Dismissals, the Code’s Priority Scheme is Still King: The Supreme Court Resolves the Circuit Split in *Czyzewski v. Jevic Holding Corp.*”, (May 2017)

Speeches and Presentations

- “An Overview of the US Bankruptcy Code”, 2019 Academy of American and International Law (June 21, 2019)

- “Bankruptcy Law Panel Discussion”, Afternoon at the Courthouse (June 7, 2019)
- “Ethical Risks in Social Media Use”, Texas Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference (April 19, 2019)
- “Young Lawyers Ask Bankruptcy Judges Hard Questions”, Northern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference (January 11, 2019)
- “An Overview of the US Bankruptcy Code”, 2018 Academy of American and International Law (June 28, 2018)
- “Keeping Secrets: Evidentiary Privileges in Bankruptcy Cases”, Dallas Bar Association (October 20, 2017)
- “Preclusion of Claims Against Professionals in Bankruptcy”, Dallas Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section Meeting (June 7, 2017)

Honors

- Selected to participate in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Next Generation program (2020)
- Named a Rising Star by Texas Super Lawyers (a Thomson Reuters company) as published in *Texas Monthly* and *Texas Super Lawyers* magazines (2019 - 2020)
- Named to *D Magazine's* Best Lawyers Under 40 (2020)

Organizational Involvement

Professional Activities, Memberships & Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
 - Pro Bono Workgroup, Bankruptcy Law Section Liaison

- Bankruptcy Law Section
 - Vice President - Law School Relations (2020 - 2022)
 - Young Lawyers Committee, Chair (2018 - 2020)
- DFW Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers
 - President Elect (2020)
 - Vice President (2018 - 2019)
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
 - Membership Co-Chair (2019 - 2020)
 - Communications Chair (2017 - 2018)
- American Inns of Court
 - National New Lawyers Task Force, Chair (2018 - 2019)
 - The Hon. John C. Ford American Inn of Court, Associate
 - Programs Committee (2019-2020)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
 - Leadership Class Member (2017 - 2018)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
 - Business Organization Committee (2018 - 2020)
 - International Committee (2018 - 2020)
 - Young & New Members Committee (2018 - 2020)
- Dallas Bar Association

- Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section

Community Activities, Memberships & Affiliations

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law – Guest Lecturer, Creditor’s Rights
- Human Rights Initiative of North Texas – Pro Bono Attorney
- Academy of American and International Law – Faculty Member
- LegalLine – Volunteer Attorney
- Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center - Volunteer
- Children’s Hunger Fund - Volunteer
- North Texas Chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Volunteer
- Junior League of Dallas - Member