

Robin Russell



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INDUSTRIES

Banking/Finance
Health Care
Manufacturing/Sales
Restaurant

PRACTICE AREAS

Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Corporate Compliance,
Investigations and
Defense

EDUCATION

LLM, 1993, Banking
Law Studies, Boston
University School of
Law
JD, 1986, Baylor
University School of
Law, *cum laude*,
Highest Ranking
Graduate;
Editor-in-Chief of the
Baylor Law Review,
Baylor Moot Court
Society, recipient of
several scholarships
and awards, including
award as outstanding
second-year law student
and outstanding law
review member, *Who's
Who Among Students in
American Colleges and
Universities*; Class Rank
1/150
BS, 1983, International
Trade, Texas Tech
University, *magna cum
laude*, Mortar Board,
student government
senator, several honor
societies and awards,
including outstanding
sorority woman on
campus in 1983
(member, Kappa Alpha
Theta), summer

Robin Russell's practice combines a depth of experience in bankruptcy restructuring and litigation with financial transaction work. She has served as a Chapter 7 Trustee and has represented corporate debtors, liquidating trustees, bondholders, unsecured creditors' committees, bank groups, private equity funds, landlords, trade creditors and bidders for estate assets in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings. She has been involved in over 100 bankruptcy related adversary proceedings, including *Branch v. FDIC*, *VFB LLC v. Campbell Soup Company*, *Branch v. Ernst & Young* and *Mirant v. The Southern Company*. Bankruptcy representations include counsel for: Chapter 7 Trustee of the Bank of New England Corporation; debtors in liquidation of ProMedCo Management and Physicians Resource Group; bank group in Pinnacle Trading; largest landlord in Wang Laboratories, Inc; creditors' committees in Logix Communications, UNIFI and First City Bancorp; and post-confirmation litigation/liquidating trusts for BankEast Corporation, The OneBancorp, VFB LLC (Vlasic Foods International) and MC Asset Recovery Trust (Mirant Corporation). She has also represented banks, institutional lenders and corporate borrowers in secured and unsecured commercial and consumer credit transactions, including debt restructuring and financial regulatory matters.

Ms. Russell has been with Andrews Kurth 20 years. She currently serves on the firm's Policy Committee, Women's Initiative Committee, Associates Committee, Conflicts Committee and Professional Development Committee and is a mentor in the firm's Associate Mentoring program. Prior to joining Andrews Kurth, she served as clerk to the Honorable William Kilgarlin, Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas. She has been listed by Texas Monthly as a Texas Super Lawyer in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights.

ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

Major Publications

- "Last Rights: Liquidating a Company," (with Dr. Ben Branch and Hugh Ray), Oxford University Press (2006).
- "Texas Practice Guide: Creditors' Rights," Co-authored with Hugh M. Ray (The West Group, 1998) (Updated annually). Focusing on enforcement of judgments and debts in Texas including through receivership and bankruptcy.

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- "Texas Practice Guide: Financial Transactions," Volumes 2 and 3 (The West Group, 2000) (updated annually). Focusing on the proper documentation of financial transactions by Texas lawyers.
- "Texas Secured Lending Guide," (Texas Bankers' Association, 1st ed. 1992, 2nd ed. 1996, 3rd ed. 1997, 4th ed. 1998, 5th ed. 1999, 6th ed. 2000, 7th ed. 2001, 8th ed. 2002, 9th ed. 2003, 10th ed. 2004, 11th ed. 2005, 12th ed. 2006) (250 page book). Focusing on the proper documentation of commercial and consumer loans by Texas bankers.
- "Texas Problem Loan Guide," (Texas Bankers' Association, 1999). Focusing on the prevention, workout and collection of commercial and consumer problem loans by Texas bankers.
- "Maximizing Estate Value Through Effective Economic Litigation Analysis," Norton's 1998 Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law at 21 (The West Group) (Co-authored with Ben Branch and Hugh Ray).
- "Practicing Law in the 'New Age': The 1988 Amendments to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure," 19 Tex. Tech L. Rev. 881 (1988) (Co-authored with Hon. William Kilgarlin and George Quesada).
- "Note, Evans v. J. Stiles, Inc.: The Need for a Blueprint in Texas Homebuyer Protection," 37 Baylor L.Rev. 57 (1985).
- "Texas Real Estate Lending Guide," (Texas Bankers Association, 2007).

exchange student to Australia and New Zealand (1981), India (1980) and Japan (1979), Whos Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

ADMITTED

Texas 1986

Massachusetts 1992

US District Courts,
Southern District of
Texas, District of
Massachusetts, and
District of Wisconsin

US Courts of Appeals,
First Circuit and Fifth
Circuit

Supreme Court of the
United States

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

Major Presentations

- "Was the Debtor Insolvent? Whatever that Means....," Dallas Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Sections (November 7, 2007)
- "Last Rights: Finding Value in Liquidations" (panelist) Tenth Annual Conference on Corporate Reorganizations, Chicago, June 21, 2007.
- "How Far Can We Go With Rule 2004?" The University of Texas 2007 Bankruptcy Litigation Advanced Pre-Trial Practice and Procedure Workshop, February 2007.
- "Who Should Be Casting? Third Party Prosecution of Claims Via Assignment of Claims to Litigation Trusts, a Committee or Other Third Party," The University of Texas 2006 Bankruptcy Litigation Advanced Pre-Trial Practice and Procedure Workshop, February 3, 2006.
- "Commercial Lending – New Trends and Revisiting the Basics," Texas Association of Bank Counsel 29th Convention, October 2005.
- "Struggles Among the Bondholder Classes," (panelist) 8th Annual Corporate Reorganizations Conference Chicago, Illinois, June 24, 2005.
- "The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005," presented to State Bankers Association, June 21, 2005.
- "An Overview of New Article 9," The State Bar of Texas 22nd Advanced Real Estate Law Course, June 28, 2000.
- "Securing a Lien on Securities and Security Entitlements"; The University of Texas School of Law 31st Mortgage Lending Institute, October 3, 1997.

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- “A Servant of Two Masters: The Dilemma Faced by a Director Who Jointly Serves Both a Bank or Thrift and its Affiliated Holding Company,” presented with Eric Fischer, general counsel U.S. Trust Co., at the American Bar Association Section of Business Law, 1995 Spring Meeting.
- “Bank of New England Corporation: A Chapter 7 Case Study,” Co-authored with Dr. Ben S. Branch, presented at the Eastern Finance Association Annual Meeting, April 27, 1995.
- In-house CLE presentations for clients including “Understanding Common Credit Support Documents: Guaranties and Letters of Credit,” “The Risk of Litigation When You Are a Director, Affiliate or Creditor of a Potentially Bankrupt Entity” and “The Top 10 Risks of Doing Business With a Company in Financial Distress.”
- “Valuation in Bankruptcy Litigation,” Dallas Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section (September 5, 2007)

Institutional Training

- Instructor, Texas Bankers’ Association Professional Development Seminars: “Texas Loan Documentation”
- Instructor, Texas Department of Banking, “Loan Documentation,” Bank Examiners Training Conference.
- Instructor, Texas Bankers’ Association Lending School; “Problem Loans and Bankruptcy”
- Instructor, Texas Bankers’ Association: “The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994: What Bankers Need to Know”
- Instructor, American Institute of Banking: “Secured Loan Documentation”
- Instructor, East Texas Banker’s Association: “Texas Loan Documentation”

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- State: State of Texas and Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Federal: Southern District of Texas, District of Massachusetts, First Circuit, Fifth Circuit and Supreme Court of the United States
- American Law Institute – elected 2007
- American Inns of Court – Arthur L. Moller/David B. Foltz, Jr. Chapter (Master of the Bench)
- Texas Bar Association – Bankruptcy Section
- The College of the State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association – Bankruptcy Section
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Baylor Law Alumni Association (Life Member)
- Baylor Law Review Alumni Association (Life Member)
- Texas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow)
- Children At Risk (Law and Public Policy Center Advisory Board); co-chair, Fall 2007 Solutions to the Texas Dropout Crisis: A Focus on Student Engagement conference
- Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way (Member)
- State Bar Committee on Provision of Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters (1989-1992)

HEADLINE NEWS

- Partner Robin Russell of Andrews Kurth Elected to American Law Institute (December 10, 2007)
- Andrews Kurth Announces Policy Committee Election (August 16, 2007)
- Andrews Kurth Adds Two New Faces to Policy Committee (August 31, 2006)
- Firm Obtains Net Recovery for Client of \$84 Million in Ernst & Young Litigation (January 31, 2005)