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Brad brings a comprehensive understanding of both debtor and creditor perspectives, which allows him to navigate complex bankruptcy processes effectively.

OVERVIEW

Brad advises clients on a wide range of litigation and bankruptcy matters, with a particular focus on the energy and financial services sectors. He has extensive experience in Chapter 11 proceedings, representing debtors, creditors, creditor committees, and buyers in bankruptcy acquisitions. Brad's clients include energy companies, consumer finance firms, and various secured and unsecured creditors. He is adept at handling bankruptcy litigation, regulatory matters, and distressed asset acquisitions.

Brad has significant experience in regulatory matters, particularly related to offshore oil and gas interests.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Bankruptcy Proceedings and Litigation

- Represents various secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, including preparing proofs of claim, objecting to cash collateral or debtor in possession financing motions, objecting to disclosure statements and plans, defending claim objections, defending preference actions, and participating in bankruptcy sale and auction processes.
- Represents clients in bankruptcy appeals both to the district courts and various courts of appeal.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Seadrill Partners LLC.
- Represents the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
- Represents SBA lender clients in matters involving PPP loans in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.
- Served as local counsel to the first lien lenders in the prepackaged bankruptcy case of Mood Media Corporation and its affiliates, one of the fastest Chapter 11 cases in history.
- Represented the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1245 as its bankruptcy counsel in the Pacific Gas & Electric bankruptcy in the Northern District of California. The IBEW represents thousands of PG&E employees and contractors and served as a member of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of

PG&E.

- Represented debtor clients in Chapter 11 cases involving wood pellet manufacturing facilities.
- Represented an energy industry client creditor group in multiple Chapter 11 proceedings of offshore oil and gas operators with a particular focus on decommissioning liabilities.
- Represents energy industry clients in a variety of bankruptcy matters on both the debtor and creditor side.
- Represents energy industry clients in pursuing distressed asset acquisitions in bankruptcy cases.
- Assisted in the representation of a mortgage servicer in a government investigation into its bankruptcy servicing activities.
- Assisted in the representation of mortgage servicers and student loan servicers in bankruptcy adversary proceedings and in bankruptcy class actions involving a variety of bankruptcy law compliance issues and other consumer protection statutes.

Financial Services Litigation

- Represents consumer finance clients in a wide variety of litigation, including class action litigation in state and federal court.

Energy Litigation

- Represents oil and gas companies in negotiating regulatory matters with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE).
- Represents oil and gas companies in appeals to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA).
- Represents oil and gas companies and oil and gas service companies in litigation over consulting agreements and litigation to enforce an operating agreement and lease provisions.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2022-2026)
- *Chambers USA*: Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Louisiana (2021-2026)
- *Biz New Orleans*, “Best Lawyers” (2026)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Energy
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial

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- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Debtor + Committee Representations
- Energy
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Louisiana State Bar Association
- Inaugural member, Institute for Energy Law Leadership Class
- Member, Southwestern University board of visitors
- Float captain, Krewe of Tucks

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2007, *International Law Review*
- Southwestern University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2004, Phi Beta Kappa

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Louisiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Privacy Concerns In a Transparent Process," Fifth Circuit Bankruptcy Bench-Bar Conference, March 26, 2026.

PUBLICATIONS

- Podcast, "Bankruptcy 101 for Consumer Creditors: Automatic Stays, Discharge Injunctions, and Common Pitfalls," *The Consumer Finance Podcast*, April 23, 2026.
- Co-author, "Riding the Regulatory Wave: BOEM Issues New Rules for Surfing the Provision of Financial Assurance," *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, April 25, 2024.
- Author, "A Showdown Over the 'Texas Two Step'," *Journal of Corporate Renewal*, March 2022.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “As Bankruptcy Filings Rise, New Orleans Lawyers Urge Early Action Amid Financial Distress,” *New Orleans CityBusiness*, April 7, 2026.