

## Helen O. Turner

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### OVERVIEW

Helen advises clients as they navigate the complex and ever-changing financial and banking landscape. She represents national banks, trustees, and mortgage servicing firms in state and federal courts in a variety of matters, including in cases involving alleged violations of state and federal consumer protection laws (TDCA, DTPA, FDCPA, FCRA, and RESPA) and financial regulatory laws. Her diverse practice also includes her representation of screenwriters, directors, and producers throughout the life cycle of deals for scripted and unscripted film and television projects.

Helen is a member of the Bretton Woods Committee and its Future of Finance Working Group, a high-level organization of international leaders in finance. In this role, Helen engages with international financial institutions — including the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and Bank for International Settlements — on investment, financial stability, and governance, and the impact of emerging technologies on the global capital markets and climate finance.

Early in her career, Helen was a staff attorney for the Hon. Sarah Beth Landau of the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas and a judicial clerk to the Hon. Jeff Bohm in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

### AWARDS

- Association of Women Attorneys Foundation, Premier Women in the Law Rising Star (2025)
- Table Captain, Judicial Conference Committees on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and the Magistrate Judges System's National Diversity Event (2019, 2023)
- *Super Lawyers®* Texas Rising Star, Entertainment Law (2019, 2025)
- *D-Mars.com Business Journal*, Top 50 Black Professionals and Entrepreneurs of Texas (2018)
- *Houstonia Magazine*, Top Lawyer in Entertainment Law (2018)
- *National Bar Association*, Chairman's Award for Entertainment & Sports Law (2015)

### TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Entertainment

- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Mortgage Lending + Servicing

## **ALL AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Consumer Financial Services
- Consumer Law Compliance
- Data + Privacy
- Entertainment
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)
- Financial Services Litigation
- Government + Regulatory
- Litigation + Trial
- Mortgage Lending + Servicing
- Payments + Financial Technology
- Technology

## **PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, Bretton Woods Committee
- Lifetime member, Harvard Black Alumni Society
- Member, Harvard Alumni Society
- Member, Harvard University Club of Houston
- Professional member, The Recording Academy
- Member, Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association (BESLA)
- Advisory board member, Rhymes with Reason

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Adjunct professor, Houston Christian University (2016-2021)
- Staff attorney, The Hon. Sarah Beth Landau of the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas, Houston (2019-2021)
- Founder and managing partner, Ashegbeyeri Law Firm, PLLC (2015-2017)

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **EDUCATION**

- Harvard University, Ed.M., 2022, Learning Design, Innovation, and Technology (LDIT)
- Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2015, associate editor, *Law Review*
- University of Houston, B.S., 2011, political science

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Texas
- New York

## **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

## **CLERKSHIPS**

- Hon. Jeff Bohm, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2017-2019

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Panelist, “Roadways to the Bench: Who Me? A Bankruptcy or Magistrate Judge,” Judicial Conference Committees on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System and the Magistrate Judges System,” April 3, 2023.
- Panelist, “Authors & Screenwriters: Understanding Writers’ Rights,” Houston Christian University, May 6, 2021.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Author, “Greatest Hits: Common Appellate Issues for the New Practitioner — Check Lists for Appellant’s Brief and Appellee’s Brief,” State Bar of Texas, September 1, 2023.
- Co-author, “Incentivizing Cybersecurity Governance in Emerging Markets Private Equity Investment via the World Bank—IFC Asset Management Company,” Brown University, April 1, 2023.