

## Simon Mayer

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Dedicated to guiding clients through financial distress, Simon's understanding of bankruptcy and insolvency law allows him to craft creative solutions focused on protecting clients' interests and facilitating a strong emergence.

### OVERVIEW

Simon provides strategic advice, planning, and representation to clients in bankruptcy and insolvency matters. Board certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Simon represents a diverse range of clients, including debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditor committees, Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 trustees, and third-party purchasers. His practice encompasses bankruptcy litigation, corporate reorganization, corporate liquidation, and asset sales.

Simon brings a comprehensive approach to resolving complex bankruptcy issues, whether through litigation or strategic restructuring. His thorough understanding of bankruptcy and insolvency law makes him an asset to those facing financial distress.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

#### Creditor Committees

- *In re Victerra Energy Holding Co., LLC, et al.*, Case No. 20-32487 (SDTX).
- *In re Seadrill Partners LLC, et al.*, Case No. 20-35740 (SDTX).
- *In re Yuma Energy, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 20-41455 (NDTX).
- *In re Sanchez Energy Corp., et al.*, Case No. 19-34508 (SDTX).
- *In re Vanguard Natural Resources, et al.*, Case No. 19-31786 (SDTX).

#### Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas

- Facilitating the sale of two natural gas-fired peaking electric power facilities for \$75.5 million purchase price (\$440,000 per MW) and confirmed plan of liquidation.
- Reorganizing multiple affiliated debtors owning and operating six commercial retail shopping centers and offices located in the Houston metro area. Restructured primary secured debt of approximately \$50 million.
- Confirming plan enabling the debtor to complete the build-out of a restaurant and resolve a dispute with the

landlord.

- Completing the restructuring of a real estate development company with more than \$10 million of secured indebtedness.

## **Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Trustees**

- Representing a Chapter 11 trustee in a shipbuilding case resulting in the sale of primary assets for more than \$15 million.
- Representing a Chapter 7 trustee in the sale of a facility in Westlake Louisiana and in the separate sale of a certain chemical catalyst primarily located in a Czech Republic production facility.
- Prosecuted adversary proceedings against insiders and fraudulent transfer recipients resulting in the recovery of \$450,000 for the estate.
- Prosecuting more than 40 adversary proceedings against preference recipients resulting in more than \$1 million in avoided and recovered funds and reduced claims against the bankruptcy estate by approximately \$1.9 million.

## **Secured and Unsecured Creditors**

- *In re Mountain Express Oil Company*, Case No. 23-90147 (SDTX).
- *In re Starry Group Holdings, Inc.*, Case No. 23-10219 (DE).
- *In re MLCJR LLC*, Case No. 23-90324 (SDTX).
- *In re Cineworld Group plc*, Case No. 22-90168 (SDTX).
- *In re ION Geophysical Corporation*, Case No. 22-30987 (SDTX).
- *In re Patriot Well Solutions LLC*, Case No. 20-33641 (SDTX).
- *In re Fieldwood Energy LLC*, Case No. 20-33948 (SDTX).
- *In re Gulfport Energy Corporation*, Case No. 20-33233 (SDTX).
- *In re Southern Foods Groups, LLC*, Case No. 19-36313 (SDTX).
- *In re Emerge Energy Services, LP*, Case No. 19-11563 (DE).
- *In re PG&E Corporation*, Case No. 19-30088 (NDCA).
- *In re Energy XXI, Ltd.*, Case No. 16-31928 (SDTX).
- *In re Luca International Group, LLC*, Case No. 15-34221 (SDTX).
- *In re Milton R. Cutler*, Case No. 15-31634 (SDTX).

## **AWARDS**

- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2024-2026)
- *Super Lawyers®* Texas Rising Star, Bankruptcy (2012-2017)

## **TOP AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring

## **ALL AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Bankruptcy + Restructuring
- Debtor + Committee Representations

- Insolvency Litigation
- Secured Lender Representation
- Trade Creditors Representation

## **PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Houston Bankruptcy Inns of Court
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- President, Moller Foltz Inns of Court (2023-present)
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference Planning Committee (2022 and 2024)

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **EDUCATION**

- South Texas College of Law Houston, J.D., 2007, articles editor, *South Texas Law Review*
- Trinity University, B.A., 1998

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Texas

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Speaker, “When a Customer Files for Bankruptcy: Postpetition Checklist,” Locke Lord Houston Litigation Breakfast Briefing, October 2, 2024.
- Speaker, “Practical Considerations Before Filing Bankruptcy,” University of Texas Law CLE, July 2024.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Author, “Practical Considerations Before Filing Bankruptcy,” University of Texas Law CLE, July 2024.