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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

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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 (2024-2027), Litigation – Bankruptcy (2027)
- *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

CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Business Bankruptcy Law

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.