

Partner — Complex Commercial Litigation

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Rebecca's practice focuses on all aspects of restructuring and reorganization work, including the representation of debtors, lenders, creditors, landlords, and trustees. She also has significant experience representing clients in contested matters and adversary proceedings before both the federal bankruptcy and district courts. Prior to joining Vinson & Elkins, Rebecca practiced at another international law firm in a variety of areas, including complex commercial litigation.

## Experience Highlights

- Trial counsel defending \$25 million claim against accounting firm by bankruptcy litigation trust alleging audit malpractice; client won a take nothing arbitration award in 2018 after full hearing on the merits
- Navistar, Inc. and certain of its affiliates in the defense of fraudulent transfer litigation brought by the Plan Trustee of the Liquidating Trust of Tango Transport, LLC, et. al.
- Magnum Hunter Resources, an E&P company with extensive properties in Marcellus and Utica; represent Eureka pipeline system, an entity that provides gathering, transportation and processing services to one of the debtors in Magnum Hunter's chapter 11 case filed in Delaware
- Chapter 11 trustee in the successful prosecution of fraudulent transfers to insiders and denial of the principal shareholder's claimed exemptions and discharge; first chaired jury trial of a \$31 million fraudulent transfer action in federal district court
- Liquidating trustee of a bankrupt financial services firm in litigation against former officers and directors
- Chapter 11 trustee of corporate debtors providing cross-border telecommunication services; representation included numerous adversary proceedings, contested matters, and appeals (including several successful appeals at Third Circuit level), as well as sales of substantially all of the debtors' assets for consideration in excess of \$250 million

- The administrative agent for syndicated secured lenders owed approximately \$7 billion in a Chapter 11 case of one of the largest publishers of yellow pages directories in the United States; representation included: (a) the successful negotiation and court approval of a \$250 million adequate protection payment for the client within a week of the petition date; (b) discovery and complex multiparty litigation concerning trademark and copyright issues with regard to the secured lenders' liens, including the successful exclusion of the opposing side's key expert witness; and (c) despite such litigation, and over objection, confirmation of a favorable restructuring plan in less than 9 months
- Second lien lenders in a Chapter 11 case of oil & gas company Harvest Oil & Gas, LLC; representation included extensive discovery and multiparty litigation of complex valuation and confirmation issues

## Credentials

### Education

- University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2005
- University of Delaware, B.S. *magna cum laude*, 2002

### Recognition

- IWIRC, Rising Star Award Semi-finalist, 2014
- Selected to the Texas Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), 2014 and 2015
- *The Best Lawyers in America*© (BL Rankings, LLC), Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Dallas), 2021 and 2022

### Activities

- Board Member: International Women's Insolvency & Reorganization Confederation (IWIRC), 2010, 2011, and 2013–2020 (2016 Chair); Turnaround Management Association (TMA), 2017–2020 (2020 DFW Chapter President); Women's Energy Network (Board Member and Co-Chair of DFW Leadership Conference)
- Committee Member: Turnaround Management Network of Women (NOW)
- Philanthropy Committee: Texas Wall Street Women (2015 & 2016 Committee Co-Chair)
- Member: Attorneys Serving the Community; State Bar of Texas Young Lawyers Committee; Turnaround Management Association (TMA)
- Bar Association Member: American Bar Association; Dallas Bar Association; Dallas Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers

### Admitted to Practice

- California
- Texas

## News & Insights

[V&E Named to 2020 GRR 100 by \*Global Restructuring Review\* \(GRR\)](#)

Rankings & Awards • January 11, 2021

[Court Confirms Lilis Energy's Modified Debtors' Liquidating Chapter 11 Plan](#)

Deals & Cases • November 17, 2020

[V&E Advises JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in Approach Resources Inc.'s Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases](#)

Deals & Cases • September 28, 2020

[The Best Lawyers in America \(BL Rankings, LLC\) 2021 Lists 147 V&E Lawyers, 7 "Lawyers of the Year"](#)

Rankings & Awards • August 20, 2020

[Lilis Energy Voluntarily Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy](#)

Deals & Cases • June 29, 2020

## Additional Insights

- "State of the Market – What's Happening Now & Trends to Watch for in 2017," Turnaround Management Association, Dallas, Texas, October 2016
- "Claims and Claim Objections: A Review of the Revised Rules," CLE presentation to Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas at Starting Out Right Program, November 2015
- "Exchange Offers & Pre-Packaged / Pre-Arranged Bankruptcies," V&E Continuing Legal Education Presentation, October 2015
- "Fraudulent Transfer Litigation – Overview & Case Update," V&E Continuing Legal Education Presentation, October 2014
- "Chapter 15 Overview & Case Update," CLE presentation to Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section, May 2014
- "Perfect Pitch: A Mock Pitch Event," 11th Annual Spring Program and Founders Awards, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), Washington D.C., April 2014
- "Expert Witnesses: Challenges & Issues," V&E Continuing Legal Education Presentation, April 2013
- "[Credit Bidding Under a Plan: To Be or Not To Be, or, To Be and Not To Be](#)," CLE presentation to Dallas Bar Association, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section, March 2012
- "Post-confirmation Retention of Claims," V&E Continuing Legal Education Presentation, January 2012

## Capabilities

- [Company & Debtor Representations](#)
- [Distressed Asset Acquisitions & Investments](#)
- [Lender & Creditor Representations](#)
- [Restructuring Litigation](#)