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INDUSTRIES

Real Estate
Energy

PRACTICE AREAS

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

EDUCATION

JD, 1996, *cum laude*,
Southern Methodist
University Dedman
School of Law

BBA, 1993, *cum laude*,
James Madison
University

ADMITTED

Texas 1996

US District and
Bankruptcy Court for the
Northern District of
Texas

US District and
Bankruptcy Court for the
Southern District of
Texas

US District and
Bankruptcy Court for the
Eastern District of
Texas

US District and
Bankruptcy Court for the
Western District of
Texas

Monica's practice includes representation of debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and creditors' committees in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Recently, Monica has worked on the Chapter 11 cases of M.B.S. Management Inc., The Bombay Company, Marcal Paper, Solutia, Inc., Kitty Hawk Airlines, Mirant Corporation, Next Wave Personal Communications and Ultimate Electronics. Monica also had major roles in the Chapter 11 cases of Panaco, Inc., Bayou Steel Corporation, I.G. Services, Ltd. (Inverworld), Pacific USA, and Senior Living Properties.

Monica has received a "BV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell indicating a very high ethical standard and a high to very high legal ability. A "BV" rating is the maximum rating for a lawyer at Monica's experience level. Monica was also named a "Texas Rising Star" in April 2007 by *Texas Monthly* magazine. *Rising Stars* are the top up-and-coming Texas attorneys who are 40 or younger or have been in practice for fewer than 10 years. Only 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state were chosen for this honor.

ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- The Rejectability of Arbitration Clauses: Part II [American Bankruptcy Institute Journal](#) (June 1, 2007)
- The Rejectability of Arbitration Clauses [American Bankruptcy Institute Journal](#) (April 1, 2007)

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

- "Bankruptcy, What's New?", co-presented with Jason Brookner to the North Texas Paralegal Association, Belo Mansion (March 13, 2008)
- "Technology in the Courtroom" co-presented at the [2008 Trial Academy of the Texas Access to Justice Commission](#), The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (May 21, 2008)

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Board of Directors of Gilda's Club of North Texas
- President of Young Leadership Board of Gilda's Club of North Texas

Monica S. Blacker

- Dallas Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- John C. Ford American Inn Court - Barrister
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter
 - Board of Directors