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PRACTICE AREAS

General Practice with emphasis on
Bankruptcy (Individual & Corporate)
Commercial Litigation
Ethics/Legal Malpractice
Creditors' Rights

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas State Bar - 1982

COURT ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States;

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit;

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas;

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas;

United States District Court for the Western District of Texas;

United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania;

United States Tax Court

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Hayward & Associates, PLLC
Attorney at Law

John P. Lewis, Jr., LLC
Attorney at Law

Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
Partner
(Bankruptcy and Reorganization)

Johnson & Swanson
Partner/Associate
(Litigation, Bankruptcy, & Banking)

EDUCATION

J.D. (*Cum Laude*) - 1977
Wake Forest University School of Law

B.A., (English) (*Honor Program*) - 1973
University of Kentucky

JOHN P. LEWIS, JR. is our “senior counsel” who has represented a diverse group of clients in a variety of litigation, transactional, and counseling matters and engagements during his more than 40-years of practice in Texas and Pennsylvania. He has represented individual and corporate debtors, creditors, auctioneers and inventory liquidators, trustees (including SIPC Trustees), competing plan proponents and asset purchasers, estate professionals and committees in bankruptcy cases, adversary proceedings arising in bankruptcy cases, and federal and state court receiverships throughout the United States, including appearances in bankruptcy courts in Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, and Texas.

Mr. Lewis has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation in state and federal courts in Texas, Louisiana, California, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Missouri, including claims and actions relating to or arising from contested will and probate proceedings, tortious interference with contract and prospective business relations, professional negligence and breach of fiduciary duties by attorneys and law firms, civil asset forfeiture proceedings, fraud and negligent misrepresentation, breach of employment contracts, minority shareholder oppression, and violations of civil and constitutional rights. His experience includes more than 20 jury trials, more than 100 non-jury trials and arbitrations, and more than 20 federal and state appeals.

Mr. Lewis has been a speaker on numerous topics, including acquiring assets through bankruptcy proceedings, determining and proving insolvency under the Bankruptcy Code, fundamentals of bankruptcy practice, the 1999 revisions to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, Ethical and Practical Lessons that Attorneys can Learn from Playing Poker, and the Ethics of Perry Mason.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

- o Texas State Bar - 1982
- o Pennsylvania Bar - 1977 (Inactive)
- o American Bankruptcy Institute
- o Dallas Bar Association; Bankruptcy Section
- o Master/Emeritus, John C. Ford Inn of Court

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

In re Breitburn Energy Partners, LP, No. 16-11390 (SMB), U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (2016); Representation of pipeline operator in contested executory contract issues/rejection damages claims relating to pipeline agreement

In re Hawker Beechcraft, Inc., No. 12-11873 (SMB), U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (2012); Prosecution of rejection damages claims by owner of private jet against aircraft manufacturer who rejected extended warranty agreement

In re Ken Davis, No. 385-30348, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (1985); Represented Cummins Engine Company in reacquiring its largest distributorship from involuntary Chapter 11 Debtor in Possession

In re Box-Crow Cement, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (1992); Represented Trammel Crow Family Interests in preserving equity interests in \$100 Million cement plant in Midlothian, Texas owned and operated by Debtor

In re 1701 Commerce, LLC, No. 12-41748-dml-11, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (2012); Represented Debtor in Possession; Successful reorganization of Sheraton Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas