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Areas Of Practice

Bankruptcy, Insolvency &
Creditors' Rights
Business Services

Bar Admissions

Texas

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
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

Education

University of Houston Law Center,
J.D., *cum laude*
Texas A&M University, B.S.

Nicholas Zugaro is a Senior Counsel and a resident in Houston. Nicholas offers efficient, careful, and professional representation in corporate bankruptcy matters. In his 10 years of practice, Nicholas has represented debtors, liquidating trustees, official creditors' committees, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, equity holders, officers and directors, patent holders, landlords, tenants, and asset purchasers in numerous corporate bankruptcy cases.

Nicholas has broad experience in a variety of industries. In the oil and gas sector, his current and prior representations include, among others: In re Alta Mesa Resources, Inc. (Secured Creditor), In re Sanchez Energy (royalty owner and buyer), In re Agera Energy (Secured Creditor) In re EXCO Resources, Inc. (major pipeline operator creditor), In re Connect Transport, Inc. (Official Creditors Committee), In re Sneed Shipbuilding (Debtor), In re Galveston Bay Biodiesel (Debtor), In re Deep Marine Holdings, Inc. (Official Creditors' Committee), In re SemCrude, L.P. (Producers Representative, and 80 individual producers), In re Gulf Fleet Holdings, Inc. (Official Creditors Committee and litigation trustee), In re Northstar Operating Company (Major Creditor and Preference Defendant), and In re Trailhead Engineering (Secured Creditor).

Nicholas has also represented clients in various bankruptcy matters in other industries including, healthcare, construction, food service, retail, and manufacturing.

Nicholas has extensive experience in bankruptcy litigation and has prosecuted and defended numerous companies in preference actions and claims objections brought by trustees. He has also tried numerous complex commercial cases to juries and to the bench in state and federal court.

Representative Matters

Bankruptcy

In re Connect Transport, Inc. – Represented the Official Creditors Committee in the bankruptcy of a oil and gas marketing and transportation logistics firm.

In re EXCO Resources, Inc. – Represented major midstream pipeline company.

In re BearingPoint, Inc. – Represented liquidating trustee in prosecuting large docket of preference actions and claim objections in bankruptcy of large IT consulting firm. Represented liquidating trustee in lawsuit against

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former officers and directors.

In re Pro Fit Optix, Inc. – Represented the Official Creditors Committee in bankruptcy of an eye glass manufacturer.

In re Galveston Bay Biodiesel – Represented the debtor in the bankruptcy case of a biodiesel refinery.

In re Deep Marine Holdings, Inc. – Represented the Official Creditors Committee in bankruptcy case of an offshore construction vessel and ROV company.

In re ATP Oil and Gas – Represented an energy trading counterparty in the bankruptcy of an oil and gas exploration and production company.

In re Alta Mesa Resources, Inc. – Represented lienholder claimant in the bankruptcy of an oil and gas exploration and production company.

In re Sanchez Energy Company, Inc. – Represented a nonworking interest owner in the bankruptcy of an oil and gas exploration and production company.

In re Dean Foods, Inc. – Represented an asset purchaser in the bankruptcy of a milk and dairy products manufacturer.

In re Gulf Fleet Holdings, Inc. – Represented the Official Creditors Committee in the bankruptcy of an offshore crew and supply boat company.

In re Humble Surgical Hospital – Represented the trustee in prosecuting fraudulent and preferential transfer actions on behalf of the estate of a defunct hospital.

Litigation

Represented a private equity held oilfield services company in a trade secret case through and including a month-long jury trial.

Represented an insurance carrier against plaintiff damage claimants in a week-long jury trial.

Represented a seller in a case against fellow sellers regarding the sale of a parcel of commercial real estate through in a three-week jury trial.

Represented a major petrochemicals refiner in litigation regarding construction defects in gathering system.

Represented a major oil and gas refiner in litigation concerning the installation of safety systems in a refinery.

Represented a major retailer in a series of fraud cases involving insider kickbacks in leasing premises.

Represented a hotel developer in litigation arising from a failed transaction to acquire real estate.

Seminars & Speeches

Navigating an Adversary Proceeding: Essential Knowledge for Litigators
January 26, 2021

Publications

"The Far-Reaching Implications Of High Court Ch. 13 Ruling"
January 22, 2021
Law360