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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adams and Reese LLP

Houston, TX

Financial Services Associate

12/6/2020 – Present

- Representing financial institutions on the depository side and the investments side across a broad range of matters including commercial finance, commercial litigation, and regulatory compliance in state and federal court.
- Representing lenders in and out of bankruptcy court in workouts, claims disputes, confirmation negotiation, and by traversing all aspects of plans of liquidation and reorganization.

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Houston, TX

Bankruptcy & Restructuring, Commercial Litigation Associate Attorney

9/30/2019 – 12/1/2020

- Representing corporate debtors, senior and junior secured creditors, and committees at all phases of chapter 11 and 7 proceedings and out-of-court workouts; demonstrated capability to be a self-starter in drafting substantive first day and second day emergency motions, cash collateral motions, employment motions, fee applications, lift-stay motions, bid procedures motions and accompanying notices, DIP and credit agreements.
- Diverse client base in energy, sports entertainment, a nationwide chain of fitness centers, a condominium owners' association, landlords, consumer retail centers, secured and unsecured lenders in federal district and bankruptcy courts in Texas, California, New York, Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, and Atlanta.
- Accomplished consensual de-leveraging of \$8.1M from debtors' balance sheet and \$3.4M in cure-claim forgiveness as second chair debtors' counsel in complex chapter 11 restructuring. *In re Shale Support Global Holdings, et al.*, No. 19-33884 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2019).
- Achieved full pre-confirmation recovery of claim, plus contract renewal as first chair creditor's counsel in chapter 11 restructuring. *In re AMD Dealership Mesquite, LLC*, No. 19-42757 (Bankr. E.D. Tex. 2019).
- Successfully negotiated substantial concessions for unsecured creditors by, *inter alia*, identifying and leveraging liabilities that the debtor omitted from its schedules in highly publicized 363 sale of XFL to Dwayne Johnson as second chair UCC counsel in chapter 11 sale. *In re Alpha Entertainment LLC*, No. 20-10940 (Bankr. D. Del. 2020).
- Independently managed extensive commercial litigation docket in Texas and Louisiana state and federal courts, including taking depositions, appearing first-chair at dispositive hearings, negotiating favorable settlements and attending mediations, drafting motions for summary judgment, 12(b)(6) motions to dismiss, motions to compel, motions to quash, to suppress, for protective orders, motions to remove, remand, transfer, interlocutory and final appeals and accompanying briefs.

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

Laredo, TX

Judicial Law Clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge Samuel S. Sheldon

9/15/2018 – 9/13/2019

- Researching and drafting decisions on motions for summary judgment, rule 12(b)(6) motions to dismiss, 2255 habeas petitions, pre- and post-indictment warrants, motions to suppress, quash, and compel.
- Handling all pre-trial matters for *qui tam* action alleging widespread Medicare/Medicaid fraud.
- Assisting in and observed 6-defendant, two-week long RICO money-laundering trial.

Lobman, Carnahan, Batt, Angelle & Nader PC

New Orleans, LA

Associate Attorney

6/5/2017 – 9/12/2018

- Achieving significant success rate of advantageous pre-trial settlement as first-chair defense counsel.
- Achieving 100% success rate of outright dismissal in drafting and arguing motions for summary judgment.

Hayes, Harkey, Smith, & Cascio, LLP

Monroe, LA

Associate Attorney

8/5/2016 – 6/2/2017

- Negotiating favorable officer/director-retention terms during acquisition of hospital network-client.

Valero Energy Corporation

San Antonio, TX

Litigation & Transactional Law Intern

5/15/2016 – 8/30/2016

- Focus on M&A, securities regulation, and corporate governance with in-house counsel.

LEADERSHIP & PRO BONO EXPERIENCE

Texas Bar Association

TX

Young Lawyers' Committee Membership Liaison

2019 – Present

- Oversaw a broad-based membership satisfaction promotion campaign.
- Spearheaded Young Attorney Mentor program to promote job search, resume, and interview skills.

Turnaround Management Association

TX

NextGen Board Member

2019 – Present

- Assumed an active role in organizing 2020 TMA NextGen Leadership Conference.

State Bar of Texas*Pro Bono College Inductee*

2020

- Completed over 150 pro bono hours between October 20 – December 31, 2019 (induction at 75 hours).

Greenberg Traurig, LLP*Associate Business Development Challenge Awardee*

- Placed second in associate business development competition across all practice groups, with points awarded for activities such as drafting and assisting in successful pitch presentations or acquiring clients.

EDUCATION & LICENSURE

Tulane University Law School

New Orleans, LA

Juris Doctor

2016

- *Cum laude* (Top-16%)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards: E-Discovery and Digital Evidence; Securities Regulation
- Moot Court Board Chairman, Appellate Interschool Semi-Finalist

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

2013

Licensed Attorney – State Bar of Louisiana

10/20/2016

Licensed Attorney – State Bar of Texas

10/15/2015

Admitted to Practice – All U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts in Texas and Louisiana, and the Fifth Circuit