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Megan F. Clontz is a partner in Shipman's Workout, Restructure and Bankruptcy practice, where she represents debtors and secured and unsecured creditors in both bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy insolvency matters, including cases under Chapters 7, 11, and 13. Clients rely on her practical counsel and deep knowledge of the bankruptcy process to protect their interests and achieve favorable outcomes in complex restructuring situations.

Megan concentrates her practice on business reorganizations, restructurings, and debtor and creditor rights litigation. She protects client assets in all aspects of bankruptcy proceedings, including preference, fraudulent transfer, dischargeability, and state law-based actions. Her background in consumer bankruptcy gives her a unique advantage in small business reorganizations following the enactment of the Small Business Reorganization Act.

Beyond her legal practice, Megan is deeply engaged in the professional bankruptcy community. She currently serves as U.S. Programs Co-Director for the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), is a past chair of the IWIRC-Dallas-Fort Worth Network, and played a key role in the formation of the IWIRC-Central Texas Network. She is also actively involved in the American Bankruptcy's Institute's Emerging Leaders Committee and 40 Under 40 Program and the NCBJ NextGen Program and has served on boards for the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section's Young Lawyers Committee, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers.

Megan has authored numerous articles for the ABI Journal and other legal publications and has presented at several legal conferences and continuing education programs. Prior to joining Shipman, she practiced at FBFK Law in Dallas.

Distinctions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2027 Edition)
- American Bankruptcy Institute's 2023 40 Under 40 Award
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges 2023 Next Generation Program

Professional Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute – Member Relations Co-Director, Emerging Leaders Committee (2024-2026); 40 Under 40 Steering Committee (2026)
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) – U.S. Programs Co-Director (2026); Vice Chair of Fall Programming (2025); New Network & Regional Development Co-Director (2024); DFW Network Past Chair (2024), Chair (2023), Chair-Elect (2022), Treasurer (2020-2021)
- State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section Bench Bar Planning Committee (2026-2027)
- Eastern District of Texas Bankruptcy Bench Bar Planning Committee (2026)
- Eastern District of Texas Bankruptcy Chapter 11 Rules Subcommittee (2025-2026)
- Annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference Planning Committee (2025-2026)
- Hon. John C. Ford American Inn of Court – Master (2025-2026), Barrister (2022–2024)
- Dallas Bar Association Membership Committee – Chair (2025), Vice Chair (2024)
- Dallas Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section – Chair (2022), Vice Chair (2021), Treasurer (2020), Secretary (2019)
- DFW Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers – Secretary (2019), Vice President (2018), Membership Committee Chair (2016–2017)
- State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section Young Lawyer's Committee – Consumer Liaison (2019–2020), Communications Co-Chair (2015–2016)

Community Involvement

- Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, Troop Cookie Manager and Service Unit Volunteer
- St. Patrick Catholic Church, Proclaimer and Catechist
- Junior League of Dallas, Past Internal Communications Chair, Leadership Council Member, and QuickSite Editor
- Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, Past Sustainer Liaison, and Fundraising Development Chairman

Credentials

Education

- University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2009
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A., 2005

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- Texas
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Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of GA
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of TX
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of TX
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of TX
- U.S. District Court, Western District of TX