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Katie LaManna has extensive experience protecting and enforcing the rights of her creditor and corporate trust clients in defaults, commercial litigation, workouts, restructuring and bankruptcy matters. She is a former chair of both the Corporate Trust and the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights practice groups at Shipman. She is primarily focused on bond defaults and other corporate commercial defaults, restructurings and structured liquidations, and she has extensive experience in bankruptcy courts across the country, as well as in state, federal and appellate courts.

Katie has been actively involved on behalf of her clients in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of all sizes, both reorganizations and liquidations, including, among others, cases in Delaware, New York, Texas, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, and Louisiana as well as international restructuring proceedings in Canada, the Cayman Islands and other countries. Katie has represented creditor-side secured and unsecured clients in maximizing their recoveries in defaults and restructurings related to an array of industries, including cryptocurrency, genetic testing, energy, major telecommunications, bank holding company, ecommerce, retail, healthcare, entertainment and airline bankruptcies. She has represented her clients as members of numerous creditors' committees and has been actively involved in all stages of the Chapter 11 process, including the successful enforcement of claims and negotiation of plans of reorganization and liquidation through confirmation, as well as Debtor-in-Possession financing, negotiation of cash collateral orders, exit financing and asset sales pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. Her bankruptcy experience also includes the representation of clients in the defense of preference and other avoidance actions, as well as the assumption and rejection of executory contracts and commercial leases.

Katie also has extensive experience representing clients in more general state and federal civil litigation matters relating to contract disputes, business litigation and commercial defaults.

Distinctions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America[®]: *Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law* (2025-2026)
- Selected as one of the "500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers" (Lawdragon) (2020-present)
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America, The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society (2015-present)
- Listed as a Connecticut Super Lawyer[®]: *Business Litigation* (2014-2024)
- AV Preeminent[®] Rated, Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers
- Formerly Named Among 40 Under Forty, *Hartford Business Journal*
- Former Commissioner, Connecticut Superior Court Small Claims Division
- Associate Editor, *University of Connecticut Insurance Law Review* (1994-1995)

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Litigation Section; Business Litigation Section; Commercial Litigation Section
- Connecticut Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Hartford Association of Women Attorneys
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
- Turnaround Management Association

Community Involvement

- Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Connecticut Chapter: Board Member and former President
- The Cove Center for Grieving Children: Board of Directors (2004-2009); Advisory Board (2010-present)
- Leadership Greater Hartford: Quest Class

Credentials

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 1995

- Boston College, B.A., 1992, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut, 1995

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of NY, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of NY, 2000
- U.S. District Court, District of CT, 1996
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2005
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of NY
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2011