



## Melissa Ruman Stewart

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Finance & Banking; Business Restructuring/Bankruptcy; Financial Services;  
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Melissa Stewart is licensed in both New York and Texas, and has been representing both lenders and borrowers in both middle market and large syndicated loan transactions and real estate secured finance since the inception of her practice. She has handled dollar and multicurrency national and international complex corporate financing, including tiered lending, secured transactions, real estate lending, and media and telecom finance. Melissa also has represented clients in financing transactions that include all types of acquisition finance.

### Representative Experience

- Represents and counsels agents, lenders, bank groups and borrowers in structuring and restructuring middle market, secured and unsecured, tiered and syndicated financing transactions
- Represents and counsels corporations and other entities in complex sales, acquisition and financing transactions
- Lead counsel to agent in many large syndicated transactions with over 100 syndicated lenders
- Lead counsel to agent for senior lenders in issuances with subordinated debt, second liens and other intercreditor arrangements (including bond issuances)

### Education

- Tulane University Law School
- J.D., *cum laude*
  - Moot Court Chief Administrative Judge
  - Barristers
- Newcomb College of Tulane University
- B.A.
  - Dean's List
  - Pi Sigma Alpha
  - Mortar Board

### Professional & Community Involvement

- Dallas Bar Association
- Texas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow)
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- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Association of Bank Counsel
- Dallas Symphony Association Board of Governors, 2001-2011
- Dallas Symphony Association Executive Board, 2008-2010
- Dallas Symphony Nominating and Governance Committee, 2006-2007; Chair, 2008-2010
- Dallas Symphony Foundation Board, 2008

- Downtown YMCA Board of Management, 2007-2008
- The Winston School Board of Trustees, 2002-2007; Executive Committee, 2003-2007; Secretary, 2004-2010; Chairman of the Board, 2010-2011
- St Mark's Capital Campaign Parent Fundraising Committee, 2001

### **Awards & Recognition**

- Texas Super Lawyer, *Texas Monthly*, 2003-2007, 2009-2010
- The Best Lawyers in America, 2006-2011
- Best Women Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2010

### **Admitted to Practice**

- Texas
- New York