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Mr. Watson's practice focuses primarily on chapter 11 business bankruptcy reorganizations, chapter 7 business bankruptcy proceedings, creditors' rights, and commercial litigation.

Mr. Watson has participated in chapter 11 and chapter 7 proceedings in bankruptcy courts throughout Texas, and also in the Northern District of Ohio, Western District of Arkansas, District of Delaware and the Southern District of New York. Mr. Watson has assisted chapter 7 and chapter 11 business debtor clients and creditors in the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas. He has confirmed chapter 11 plans for e-commerce, healthcare, energy, and construction companies in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in the Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas. He has also handled distressed transactions for debtor entities outside of bankruptcy.

He has also successfully assisted entrepreneurs and companies with filing business chapter 7 cases in bankruptcy courts in the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas. Mr. Watson has also represented trustees and liquidating trustees in bankruptcy proceedings. Aside from representing distressed companies and trustees, Mr. Watson has represented lending institutions, a regulator, trade creditors, a creditors' committee, and ad hoc committees in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Most recently, Mr. Watson served as counsel for the creditors' committee in the Fore Machine, LLC, et. al chapter 11 bankruptcy case. He has also handled adversary proceedings in bankruptcy cases as well as commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

Mr. Watson began his legal career as a law clerk to Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Kathy A. Surratt-States of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, Missouri. After completing his four-year clerkship, Mr. Watson joined the Dallas office of a large law firm for nearly five years where he concentrated his practice on restructuring troubled companies, creditors' rights and bankruptcy related litigation. Mr. Watson later became the founding shareholder of his own law firm where he continued to focus his practice primarily on restructuring troubled businesses and creditors' rights. Prior to joining Cantey Hanger LLP, Mr. Watson was a partner at another law firm in Fort Worth.

Mr. Watson served as a council member of the State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Section for eight years prior to stepping down in 2021. Mr. Watson is also a member of the Dallas Bar Association, J.

L. Turner Legal Association, Tarrant County Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute and the Dallas Business Club. Besides his professional affiliations, Mr. Watson serves as a board member of the Metropolitan YMCA of Fort Worth. He is also an active member of Scouts B.S.A. (formerly Boy Scouts of America) where he serves as an adult leader. Mr. Watson is a member of the Arlington/Grand Prairie Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the Arlington Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

## PRINCIPAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Bankruptcy
- Creditors' Rights
- Corporate Restructuring
- Commercial Litigation

## EDUCATION

- University of Tennessee at Knoxville, J.D., 2003
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville, M.B.A. (in Finance), 2003
- Elon University (NC), B.A., 1999

## EXPERIENCE

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## BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Section, Business Law Section
- Missouri Bar
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- J.L. Turner Legal Association
- U.S. Federal District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Federal District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth, Board Member
- The University of Tennessee Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Chapter, Board Member
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, Arlington-Grand Prairie Graduate Chapter
- Scouts B.S.A. (formerly Boy Scouts of America), Assistant Scoutmaster for Boys' Troop 498
- Leadership Fort Worth, Leader Prime Class of 2021
- Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce
- The Dallas Business Club

## NEWS

- 2 Partners, 3 Associates Join Cantey Hanger