



Carrie Hardman

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Carrie is a partner in the firm's restructuring group, concentrating her practice in financial restructuring and insolvency matters, and related litigation.

Carrie represents the full range of participants in bankruptcy cases and corporate restructurings, including debtors, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, official and unofficial committees, acquirers of distressed assets, lenders of post-petition (debtor-in-possession and/or exit) financing, directors and officers, equity/membership holders, court-appointed examiners, and others in all facets of the restructuring and insolvency process.

She is experienced in complex commercial litigation, including bet-the-firm and bankruptcy-related litigation involving fraudulent transfers, preferences, and related director and officer liability. Carrie also advises boards of directors, board committees, and senior management of financially troubled companies on a range of issues, including fiduciary duties and corporate governance.

Carrie is also experienced in the nuanced issues involving municipal restructuring, having represented major creditors and parties in interest regarding in and out of court restructurings, including the chapter 9 cases of Detroit, Michigan and Jefferson County, Alabama, and the latest restructuring of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and related agencies.

She has a broad range of restructuring experience across a number of industries, including aircraft, commodities, construction, energy, healthcare, hospitality, maritime, media & entertainment, real estate, retail, oil & gas, securities,

technology, and telecommunications. Carrie also provides pro bono legal assistance through the City Bar Justice Center in preparing and advising individual clients seeking a fresh start through the bankruptcy process.

Prior to joining Winston & Strawn, Carrie served as law clerk to the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Recent Experience

Acquisition of Certain Fracturing and Intellectual Property Assets of BJ Services

Recognitions

Carrie was recognized by *The Legal 500 U.S.* (2021–2023) as a “Key Lawyer” in Transport: Aviation and Air Travel-Finance. She was featured in the sixth annual (2021) Women in the Law edition of Best Lawyers, recognizing top female attorneys in the U.S. across all practice areas and celebrates the many accomplishments of women in the legal industry. She was also recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* for her work in bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights, and insolvency and reorganization law (2021–2023). She was named one of only ten City Bar Justice Center 2020 Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award winners. Carrie has been named a New York Rising Star since 2017 for the Metro Edition of *Super Lawyers* for her work in the field of corporate restructuring.

Activities

Carrie is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), and the National Association of Women Lawyers, bankruptcy affinity group (NAWL).

Carrie is also the New York chair of the firm’s Mentorship Program, the global co-chair of the Family Affinity Group, and is a member of the Recruiting Committee.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Carrie received a B.A. in Political Science, with a concentration in Domestic Politics and Law, in 2006 from Binghamton University.

Carrie received a J.D. in 2009 from St. John’s University School of Law, where she was an editor for both the New York International Law Review and the New York Real Property Law Journal, and also interned for the Honorable Allan L. Gropper, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Carrie also received an LL.M. in Bankruptcy Law in 2013 from St. John’s University School of Law, where she served on the amicus brief team in *U.S. Student Aid Funds, Inc. v. Espinosa* (regarding the dischargeability of student loans), and her master’s thesis examined the propriety of treatment (disgorgement) of administrative priority claimants in administratively insolvent cases.

ADMISSIONS

- New York

CLERKSHIPS

- USBC - Southern District of NY for the Honorable Robert D. Drain

Related Insights & News

Carrie has authored various client briefings on restructuring-related topics, and is a co-author of the treatise *Creditors' Rights in Bankruptcy*, a Thompson Reuters publication. In addition, Carrie regularly speaks about various restructuring-related matters, and other matters of legal interest, including most recently, hosting a talk on neurodiversity in the workplace.

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MARCH 2, 2024

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Winston & Strawn Files Lawsuit Against FDIC
DECEMBER 19, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Partner Carrie Hardman Hosts the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) Fireside Chat
DECEMBER 12, 2023

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Winston & Strawn and Grant Thornton's 2023 International Restructuring Conference
NOVEMBER 13, 2023

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2022 Pro Bono Impact Report
MAY 1, 2023

BLOG

Employee Considerations in Corporate Restructurings
JANUARY 27, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Wins 2022 Alice Paul Award for Dedication to Women's Rights Through Pro Bono Support
NOVEMBER 21, 2022

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Winston & Strawn and Grant Thornton's International Restructuring Conference

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

CLIENT ALERT

The Future of Small Business Bankruptcies and Creditors' Committees After the SBRA: *In re Bonert and In re Lear Capital*

AUGUST 24, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2023*

AUGUST 18, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S. 2022*

JUNE 8, 2022

BLOG

Winston Explores Neurodiversity in the Workplace

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

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