



## Katherine A. Preston

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Katy focuses on complex commercial and bankruptcy litigation. She represents individual and corporate clients in a variety of commercial disputes, including complex litigation in both state and federal courts, and she frequently practices in bankruptcy court.

Although Katy focuses her practice on contractual disputes, she routinely works on a wide range of matters, including torts and valuation disputes. She also frequently defends clients against fraudulent transfer claims and other bankruptcy litigation matters, including both contested matters and adversary proceedings. Katy regularly advises clients in a variety of industries, including oil and gas, finance, and power.

Katy's recent matters include representing an oilfield services company in a bench trial on a breach-of-contract claim, representing a business solutions firm in a real-estate dispute, and defending multiple clients in post-confirmation adversary proceedings.

Before joining Winston, Katy clerked in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans and was a supervising editor for the *Harvard Law Review*.

## Recent Experience

Nauticus Robotics Announces Merger with CleanTech Acquisition Corp.

Acquisition of Certain Fracturing and Intellectual Property Assets of BJ Services

Secured Landmark Victory for BPI Against ABC News in Massive Defamation Case

## Recognitions

- *Lawdragon*—Recognized as one of “The Green 500: The Leading Environmental Lawyers” (2024–2025)
  - *Lawdragon*—Recognized as one of the “500 Leading Energy Lawyers” for Oil & Gas Litigation (2024–2025)
  - Texas Legal Awards—Recognized as a “Rising Star” (2023)
  - *The Best Lawyers in America*®—Recognized for Commercial Litigation (2025)
  - *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America—Recognized for Commercial Litigation (2023)
  - *Legal 500 US*—Recognized as a “Key Lawyer” for Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas (2023)
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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Katy received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, in 2012 from Harvard Law School, where she served as a supervising editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. She received a B.A., *cum laude*, in English from Rice University in 2007.

### ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Texas

### CLERKSHIPS

- USDC - Eastern District of LA for the Honorable Eldon E. Fallon
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## Related Insights & News

- “8th Cir. Ruling May Provide Relief for Bakken Debtors,” Law360, Co-author, Aug. 21, 2020
  - “INSIGHT: When Bankruptcy Courts Can’t Hear Bankruptcy Claims,” Bloomberg Law, Co-author, April 25, 2019
  - “Blowing the Whistle on SEC Whistleblower Protection,” Law360, Co-author, May 4, 2015
  - “3rd Circ. Ruling May Expand Crime-Fraud Exception,” Law360, March 10, 2015
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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Featured on the 2025 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Energy Lawyers List

MARCH 6, 2025

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Winston Attorneys Featured on the 2025 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Environmental Lawyers — The Green 500 List

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025

AUGUST 15, 2024

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Winston Attorneys Featured on the 2024 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Energy Lawyers List

FEBRUARY 16, 2024

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Featured on *Lawdragon's* Green 500: The 2024 Leaders in Environmental Law List

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

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## RECOGNITIONS

Katy Preston Named as a Rising Star in *Texas Lawyer's* 2023 Texas Legal Awards

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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## PRO BONO IN ACTION

On Appeal, Winston Secures the Right to Due Process for a Wisconsin Prison Inmate

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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## CLIENT ALERT

Bankruptcy Court Rules that “Uptier” Transaction in Serta Simmons Bedding Case Did Not Violate the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

JULY 5, 2023

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## RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2023

JUNE 7, 2023

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## CLIENT ALERT

In Landmark Ruling, Bankruptcy Court Upholds “Uptier” Transaction in Serta Simmons Bedding Case

APRIL 19, 2023

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## CLIENT ALERT

Fifth Circuit Clarifies When Bankruptcy Courts Must Abstain from Complex State Law Issues in Chapter 15 Proceedings

MARCH 16, 2023

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## ARTICLE

7th Circ. Ruling Shows Value Of Thorough Debtor Notices

OCTOBER 24, 2022

# Capabilities

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Bankruptcy Litigation & Investigations

Restructuring & Insolvency

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Government Program Fraud, False Claims Act & Qui Tam Litigation

Litigation/Trials

Trade Secrets, Non Competes & Restrictive Covenants

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance

Financial Services

Oil & Gas

Energy