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Summary

Omar Alaniz represents debtors and creditors in all aspects of complex chapter 11 reorganizations and liquidations.

Mr. Alaniz served as a law clerk to the Honorable D. Michael Lynn of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. He is an adjunct faculty member at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where he has taught Creditors' Rights and the Chapter 11 Course. He also coaches SMU's national champion Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team. He is also a frequent speaker and member of various planning committees for bankruptcy continuing legal education programs.

Mr. Alaniz was presented with the "*Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service*" in the Supreme Court of the United States in October of 2012. Mr. Alaniz was also recently named the "*National Outstanding Young Lawyer*" by the American Bar Association, the "*Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas*" by the Texas Young Lawyers Association, the "*Outstanding Young Lawyer of Dallas*" by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers and the "*Outstanding Young Bankruptcy Lawyer of Texas*" by the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. In 2013, the *Texas Lawyer* recognized Mr. Alaniz as a "*Legal Leader on the Rise*"—a distinction given to only 25 lawyers under 40 in Texas.

Representative Engagements

- ASARCO LLC - representation of large copper producer in connection with its complex chapter 11 bankruptcy
- A123 Systems, Inc. - representation of patent owners
- AGE Refining, Inc. - representation of trading arm of international energy company in significant claim dispute
- Premium Well Drilling, Inc. - defense of former officer and director in adversary proceeding
- Ritz Camera & Image, L.L.C, United Retail Group, Inc., Fineline's Basement, L.L.C. - representation of various landlords in national retail cases
- Vitro Asset Corp. - representation of global telecommunications company in contract negotiation
- VeraSun Energy - representation of national barge and towing company in defense of million dollar preference litigation
- Seahawk Drilling, LLC - representation of largest unsecured creditor
- Nortel Networks Inc. - representation of asset purchaser

- Minorplanet Systems USA, Inc. - reorganization of a publicly traded mobile communications company
- The Market-Antiques and Home Furnishings, Inc. - representation of an antique and furniture retailer in a chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Panaco, Inc. - reorganization of a domestic and offshore oil and gas company
- GPR Holdings, Inc. - representation of an oil and gas marketer as debtor-in-possession in a complex chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Gadzooks, Inc. - representation of a Big Four accounting firm in a complex chapter 11 bankruptcy
- The Poltech Trust-representation of a foreign debtor in a section 304 ancillary proceeding
- Doctors Hospital 1997 Inc. - representation of a financial advisor in a complex chapter 11 bankruptcy
- SkyPort International, Inc. - representation of the largest unsecured creditor in a complex chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Northstar Energy, Inc. - representation of an oil and gas company as debtor-in-possession

Publications, Speeches and Presentations

Publications

- Author, "Law Firms on the Defense: The Unfinished Business Rule in Law Firm Bankruptcy Cases," Federal Bar Council (Presented by Hon. Cecelia G. Morris), White Plains, New York, November 2012
- Author, "Survey of Cases Interpreting the Stern Decision" (Parts I– IV), various articles published in Vols. 17 and 18 of the ABA Sect. Bankr. & Insolvency Lit. Comm. Newsletter
- Co-author, "*Chapter 11: The Practice of Corporate Reorganization Law*," The Honorable John C. Ford American Inn of Court, 2012
- Co-author, "*Bankruptcy Appeals*," John C. Ford American Inn of Court, 2010

Speeches and Presentations

- "Clash of the Titans: A *Stern v. Marshall* Debate," 31st Annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, UT CLE, Austin, November 2012
- "Preparing for Success in the Private Sector," National Latino/a Law Student Association National Conference, Los Angeles, October 2012
- "Understanding the Complexities of *Stern v. Marshall*," Tarrant County Bar Association, Fort Worth; Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar, Addison, October 2012
- "Nothing But Heartache" By the Supremes—Discussion of the Reach of *Stern v. Marshall* in Practice, Northern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference, Dallas, June 2012
- "Tick Tock: Important Bankruptcy Deadlines," Starting Out Right, Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Austin, April 2012
- "Intercreditor Agreements: The Basics and Beyond," 30th Annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, UT CLE, Austin, November 2011
- "*Stern v. Marshall*-Digging for Gold and Shaking the Foundation of Bankruptcy Courts (or Not)," Dallas Bar Association, September 2011
- "Bankruptcy Law for the Nonbankruptcy Lawyer," National Hispanic Bar Association Annual Conference, Dallas, September 2011
- "Director and Officer Duties from Facing Bankruptcy to Filing Bankruptcy," Strafford CLE Webinars and Publications, January 2011
- "Getting Paid: State of Fee Applications in Bankruptcy," 29th Annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, UT CLE, Austin, November 2010
- "Staking Your Claim: An Overview of the Claims Process for the Junior Bankruptcy Lawyer," Nuts &

Bolts of Business Bankruptcy, State Bar of Texas, Houston, September 2009

- “Fundamentals of Bankruptcy,” University of Houston Law Foundation, Advising Businesses in a Troubled Economy, Dallas and Houston, June 2009
- “Fundamentals of Bankruptcy,” Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston, May 2009
- “Bankruptcy and Alternatives – Planning Ahead when Times are Bad,” University of Houston Law Foundation, Advising Businesses in a Troubled Economy, January 2009
- “All About the Benjamins: Getting the Bankruptcy Estate to Pay Your Bill,” Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, State Bar of Texas, Bastrop, June 2007
- “Attorney Fees Update in Business Bankruptcy Cases,” Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference, State Bar of Texas, Bastrop, June 2007
- “Getting off the Ground: A Practical Guide to First-Day Pleadings,” 25th Annual Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, February 2007
- “What Do Courts Have to Say About BAPCPA: A Survey of Cases From June 1, 2005, Through May 1, 2006,” 24th Annual Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course, State Bar of Texas, Austin, May 2006
- “The 2005 Bankruptcy Amendments and the Impact on Small Businesses: Lawyer Beware,” Advising Small and Emerging Businesses, University of Houston Law Foundation, Houston, March 2006
- “A Roadmap for Seeking Compensation From the Bankruptcy Estate,” Emerging Trends In Bankruptcy and Bankruptcy Litigation in Texas, Lorman Education Services, Dallas, November 2004
- “Dealing With Insolvent Estates,” Wills and Probate Institute, University of Houston Law Foundation, Dallas and Houston, May 2004

Education and Honors

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 2003
Susman Godfrey Moot Court Champion

B.A., economics, Austin College, 2000

Recognized as a “Legal Leader on the Rise,” by *Texas Lawyer*, 2013

“Sandra Day O’Connor Award for Professional Service” presented by the American Inns of Court, 2012

“National Outstanding Young Lawyer,” presented by the American Bar Association (Young Lawyers Division), 2011

“Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas,” presented by the Texas Association of Young Lawyers, 2011

“Outstanding Young Lawyer of Dallas,” presented by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, 2011

John C. Akard “Community Service Award,” presented by the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 2011

Romina L. Mulloy Award for “Outstanding Young Bankruptcy Lawyer” presented by the Young Lawyers Committee, State Bar of Texas (Bankruptcy Section), 2010

“Best BOA Coach” presented by SMU Law School’s Board of Advocates, 2013

“Outstanding Faculty Member” presented by SMU Law School’s OUTLaw, 2013

Listed as one of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas,” by *D Magazine*, 2011, 2013

Recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a “Texas Rising Star,” 2010-13

John C. Ford American Inn of Court’s “*Rookie of the Year*,” 2005