



# Joshua A. Lesser

## Senior Attorney



Josh Lesser has experience representing a wide range of clients, including financial institutions, businesses, and individuals in a variety of litigation and transactional matters. With a background in commercial litigation and bankruptcy, he brings valuable experience advising clients in banking, finance, capital markets, energy, entertainment, commercial real estate, retail, and hospitality industries, among others. Josh approaches each matter from the standpoint of service and advocates for his clients' best interests in a result-oriented and cost-effective manner.

Josh earned his J.D. with honors from Tulane University Law School. During law school Josh was selected for a competitive internship with Valero Energy Corporation, the world's largest refiner of petrochemical products. After law school, Josh was selected for a highly competitive federal clerkship with the Hon. Samuel S. Sheldon in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Outside of working with his clients, Josh serves his community through pro bono practice and volunteer work. He is a regular volunteer at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' free VA Legal Clinics for retired and active-duty servicemen and servicewomen. During law school, Josh undertook two pro bono legal externships for the Gulf Restoration Network and the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

### Experience

#### GENERAL EXPERIENCE

Successfully closed more than \$100 million in term loans and lines of credit for real estate development projects. (2022)

Achieved outright dismissal of claims for breach of contract involving the earn-out component of a stock-purchase agreement. (2022)

Successfully helped a lender achieve outright dismissal of claims involving federal securities and privacy law and state-law breach of contract and other related state-law claims involving real-property financing. (2022)

Successfully negotiated a full settlement of claims and increased ownership

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### Practices

Banking & Financial Services  
Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights  
Solar Consumer Finance

### Education

Tulane University Law School, 2016, *cum laude*, J.D.  
University of California at Los Angeles, 2013, B.A.

### Licensed In

Texas  
Louisiana

### Admitted In

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas  
United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas  
United States District Court, Northern District of Texas  
United States District Court,

percentage for a high-net-worth-individual client through an out-of-court corporate reorganization of an established electric-vehicle company, securing favorable concessions valued at \$2 million. (2021)

Secured full recovery of collateral for creditor-client through dispositive motions practice in two separate cases involving federal maritime liens. (2021)

Accomplished the consensual de-leveraging of \$8.1 million from debtors' balance sheet and \$3.4 million in cure-claim forgiveness as debtors' counsel in complex Chapter 11 restructuring of E&P proppant supplier. Also pursued claims in adversary proceedings on behalf of debtors to recover on state-law claims. (2019)

Successfully negotiated full pre-confirmation recovery of claim, plus contract renewal after drafting and filing lift-stay motion as first chair creditor's counsel in Chapter 11 restructuring. (2019)

Successfully defended commercial clients by achieving outright dismissal on a contested motion for summary judgment. (2019)

Successfully defended commercial clients by achieving outright dismissal on contested motions for summary judgment in three separate lawsuits. (2018)

Successfully defended commercial clients by achieving outright dismissal on a contested motion for summary judgment. (2017)

## Accolades

- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Listed in Texas Super Lawyers, "Rising Stars," 2022-2024
  - Business Litigation
  - Banking
- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*
  - Banking and Finance Law, 2022-2025
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization, 2022-2025
  - Commercial Litigation, 2022-2025

## Professional & Community Activities

State Bar of Texas

Bankruptcy Section, Executive Council, At-Large Member, 2024; Young Lawyers Committee, Vice Chair, 2023-2024

Consumer & Commercial Law Section

Western District of Texas  
United States Bankruptcy  
Court, Southern District of  
Texas

United States Bankruptcy  
Court, Eastern District of  
Texas

United States Bankruptcy  
Court, Northern District of  
Texas

United States Bankruptcy  
Court, Western District of  
Texas

United States District Court,  
Eastern District of Louisiana

United States District Court,  
Middle District of Louisiana

United States District Court,  
Western District of Louisiana

United States Bankruptcy  
Court, Eastern District of  
Louisiana

United States Bankruptcy  
Court, Middle District of  
Louisiana

United States Bankruptcy  
Court, Western District of  
Louisiana

## Clerkships

United States District Court,  
Southern District of Texas,  
U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Samuel S. Sheldon,  
2018-2019

Corporate Counsel Section

Pro Bono College, Inductee

Turnaround Management Association, NextGen Board Director

National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, NextGen Committee

Houston Bar Association

American Bankruptcy Institute, Restructuring Committee

Louisiana State Bar Association

United States Department of Veteran Affairs, VA Legal Clinic, Pro Bono  
Volunteer