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After more than 35 years of private practice, Judith Elkin retired as a partner in the Bankruptcy and Business Restructuring Section of Haynes and Boone, LLP in New York to focus on mediation and restructuring consulting. Recent projects include mediation of the mortgage indemnification claims in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy case, representing a necessary vendor in the Sears cases, strategizing on a multi-million dollar RICO case, and consulting on the restructure of several commercial real estate projects in the Midwest.

Whether as a creditor or prospective debtor, navigating the complexities of insolvency can be both challenging and stressful. I provide my clients with creative advice on restructurings and insolvencies in the U.S. and around the world. I am as comfortable in a U.S. boardroom and courtroom as I am in a Paris conference room. I have served as trusted advisor and counsel to major global financial institutions, assisting them in collecting billions of dollars of obligations due to them and defending major litigation asserted against them. I have also counseled debtors in various industries, ranging from oil and gas, coal, airlines, fashion and real estate, enabling them to restructure their operations and capital structure. I have appeared in trial and appellate courts around the country.

I have worked on some of the largest, most contentious and complex insolvency cases including Lehman Brothers, Alpha Natural Resources, Adelphia, Enron, General Motors, Calpine, MF Global and SemGroup. I have also represented the foreign representatives of foreign debtors seeking the protections of Chapter 15 in the U.S.

Professional and Community Activities

- Co-Chair American Bankruptcy Institute Mediation Committee Program Subcommittee – 2018-present.
- Co-Chair, ABA International Section, International Secured Transaction and Insolvency Committee, 2015-2016; Vice-Chair, 2013-2015
- Vice-Chair, ABA International Section, Animal Law Committee; 2016-2017
- Co-Chair, International Bar Association Insolvency Section, 2011-2012, Vice-Chair, 2009-2010, Co-Chair Creditors' Rights Committee, 2007-2008
- Chair, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), 2010-2012, Vice Chair, 2006-2010, Secretary/Treasurer, 2002-2006, Executive Committee Member, Member, New York Network and Founding Member, Dallas Network
- Co-Chair, ABA, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation Committee, Litigation Section, 1997-2001
- International Insolvency Institute (III) Co-chair – Membership Committee – 2017-2019; Member of the Board – 2018-present
- Board of Directors/Exec. Committee Member, Dallas Zoological Society, 2000-2004
- Board of Directors, Humane Society of Westchester
- Patron, Wildlife Conservation Society
- Bar Association of the City of New York



Education

- J.D., University of Wisconsin, 1981, *cum laude*
- B.A. History; Binghamton University, State University of New York, 1978, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Texas

Mediation Certification

- Forty-Hour Bankruptcy Mediation Training sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute and St. Johns University
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware

Professional Recognition

- Recipient of the Melnik Award for exceptional contributions, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), 2013
- Recognized in *Who's Who Legal for Insolvency & Restructuring*, Law Business Research Ltd., 2014-2017
- Recognized for Insolvency and Restructuring in *Expert Guides*, Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC, 2014-2017
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2005-2016; Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2012-2019
- Recognized in *Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters, for Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law, 2007-2019
- *Martindale Hubbell® Law Directory* with a Peer Review Rating of AV® Preeminent™