

## JOHN M. LANDIS

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### OVERVIEW

With more than 40 years of legal experience, John Landis concentrates his commercial litigation practice primarily on bankruptcy, construction, land use and antitrust disputes. As co-chair of the firm's Bankruptcy Practice Group, John regularly assists clients in a multitude of Chapter 11 and bankruptcy matters, including reorganizations and foreclosures.

Among his successes, John served as lead debtor's counsel in the successful reorganization of a national construction company that resolved over \$2 billion of claims and preserved a tax credit of over \$100 million.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successfully represented a pipeline operator in defeating expropriation of a servitude by another pipeline operator based on the trial court's findings that the expropriation lacked a public purpose and that it would impair competition between the two operators.
- Obtained substantial arbitration award in favor of hotel owner against contractor of previous owner for construction defects.
- Successfully defended former CEO of a public company against claims asserted in its Chapter 11 case and successfully opposed confirmation of the company's plan of reorganization.
- Regularly represents a CMBS special servicer in real estate foreclosure and bankruptcy cases.
- Achieved a pre-trial settlement for a large building owner in a construction defect case that permitted the owner to completely replace the building's waterproofing and replace its brick façade.
- Obtained a \$2 million arbitration award against a national computer software company for a customer damaged by a failed implementation of ERP software.
- Served as lead debtor's counsel in the successful reorganization of a national construction company that resolved over \$2 billion of claims and preserved a tax credit of over \$100 million.
- Enforced a national lender's rights to \$60 million of equipment lease payments in its borrower's Chapter 11 case; and subsequently assisted the client in collecting payments through litigation and arbitration.
- Lead counsel in the successful jury-trial defense of bad faith claims against a national property insurer.
- Represented the plaintiff in the landmark antitrust tying arrangement case, *Jefferson Parish Hospital District No. 2 v. Hyde*, 466 U.S. 2 (1984).

### PRACTICE AREAS

Bankruptcy

Construction

Antitrust

Arbitration and Mediation

### BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court

United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States Federal Court of Appeals

Louisiana Federal and State Courts

### EDUCATION

Tulane University Law School, J.D., 1976

- Order of the Coif
- Elected to the *Tulane Law Review* Board of Editors, 1974-75
- Associate Editor, *Tulane Law Review*, 1975-76

Washington & Lee University, 1972

### CLERKSHIPS

Law clerk to the Honorable Morey L. Sear, U.S. District Court, 1976-77.

- Regularly counsels construction and other clients on antitrust issues.
- Representing a lender in asserting vessel title insurance claims arising from the bankruptcy of an offshore casino operator.
- Ongoing pro bono representation of a juvenile offender in state and federal post-conviction proceedings.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

- Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates member.
- American Bankruptcy Institute member.
- The Bar Association of The Fifth Federal Circuit member.
- New Orleans Bar Association member.
- The Sports Lawyers Association member

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Benchmark Litigation 2020 "Local Litigation Star."
- *Best Lawyers in America* 2006 – 2022.
- Chambers and Partners 2007 – 2018.
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* 2009 – 2020 and 2022.
- *New Orleans Magazine* "Top Lawyer" 2012 – 2021.