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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 – 2023.
- Chambers and Partners 2007 – 2018.
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* 2009 – 2020 and 2022 – 2023.
- *New Orleans Magazine* "Top Lawyer" 2012 – 2022.