

In Memoriam

Russell L. Munsch



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Education

J.D. from University of Houston Law Center *cum laude*
B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Texas
United States Court of Appeals for the Third, Fifth, Sixth,
Seventh and Ninth Districts
United States District Court for the Eastern District of
Wisconsin
United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern,
Southern and Western Districts of Texas
United States Supreme Court

Achievements

Chambers USA – Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Texas
(2015-2016)
Legal Media Group, Expert Guides – World's Leading
Banking, Finance and Transactional Lawyers in Insolvency
and Restructuring (2013, 2016)
Who's Who Legal – Restructuring & Insolvency, Law
Business Research Limited (2017)
Woodward/White, Inc. – Best Lawyers in America, Texas'
Best Lawyers (2014); Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of

Overview

Russ was one of the Firm's original founding partners, and he was a driving force in the Firm's early success. In 1988, Russ was hired to represent billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt in one of the largest personal bankruptcy cases in U.S. history. This monumental case marked just the beginning of Russ's career and served as a key turning point for our young Firm. As his reputation grew, he went on to serve as counsel in a number of high-profile bankruptcy cases, including Enron Corporation, Coho Energy Corporation, Northwest Airlines, Dow Corning Corporation, The Southland Corporation and Columbia Gas Transmission Company, to name a few.

Russ grew up in Grand Prairie, Texas, where he started on the high school football team. He went on to graduate *magna cum laude* from The University of Texas at Austin and *cum laude* from the University of Houston Law Center.

By far the most important aspect of Russ's life was his family. He was a loving husband to his high school sweetheart, Sheri, and father to his beloved daughter, Rachel. Russ will be missed greatly by all those who had the honor of knowing him.

Donations in honor of Russ can be made in his name to the American Cancer Society (ovarian cancer research) or to The First Tee of Greater Austin (Russ Munsch Scholarship Fund).

the Year for Litigation-Bankruptcy Law (2014-2017)

Experience

Largest Personal Bankruptcy

In what is still considered the largest personal bankruptcy proceeding in history, Munsch Hardt served as bankruptcy counsel to Nelson Bunker Hunt, who was once considered the richest man in the world. The Nelson Bunker Hunt Chapter 11 proceeding involved more than \$2 B in disputed creditor claims.

Chapter 11 Representation

Represented a membership based 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation, in connection with the Chapter 11 proceedings of Energy Futures Holding Corp. and its 73 affiliates (collectively, "EFH") pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The EFH filing is one of the largest Chapter 11 cases in history with debt in excess of \$42 B.

Lender Representation

Represented an international bank in its capacity as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent to a lending syndicate under a \$70 MM credit extension to a producer of cane raw sugar and certain by-product that filed for Brazilian reorganization.

Lender Representation

Represented an international bank and its affiliates in the Chapter 11 cases filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Our client was a participant in certain credit facilities, both secured and unsecured, to Enron Corp. and certain of its affiliates, which aggregated in excess of \$4.3 B.

Newsroom

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights Super Lawyers 2010

Press Release: In Memoriam: Russell L. Munsch (1955-2017)

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Recognized as Industry Leader in 2016 Chambers USA

Press Release: Fifteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 'Best Lawyers in America 2016'

In The News: Munsch Hardt Turns 30 and has a Story to Tell

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Practice Groups, Lawyers Recognized as Industry Leaders in 2015 Chambers USA

In The News: At 30, Munsch Hardt law firm looks to middle market to grow

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Press Release: Munsch Hardt Recognized as Industry Leaders in 2014 Chambers USA

Press Release: Best Lawyers 2014 Recognizes Munsch Hardt Attorneys

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Practice Areas and Attorneys Recognized by Chambers USA

Press Release: U.S. News Best Lawyers Recognizes Munsch Hardt Attorneys as Texas' Best

Press Release: Chambers USA Names Munsch Hardt Attorneys Leaders In Their Field

Press Release: U.S. News - Best Lawyers Recognizes Munsch Hardt Attorneys

Press Release: Best Lawyers Recognizes Munsch Hardt Attorneys

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Receives Honor Recognition from Chambers USA

Press Release: Seven Munsch Hardt Attorneys Designated Super Lawyers

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers in America

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Recognized in Chambers USA 2011

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorney Named Among Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America

Press Release: Russell Munsch Named Among the Who's Who Legal: Texas Recipients

Press Release: Munsch Named Among 25 Greatest Texas Lawyers of the Past Quarter Century

Press Release: Six Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named Leaders in Their Field by Chambers USA 2010

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as Texas Super Lawyers 2009

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Press Release: Munsch Hardt Lawyers Designated Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights Super Lawyers

Press Release: Chambers USA Award Recipients

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Reaches Out To Area Residents Who Have Been Victims Of Abuse

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Shareholders Named Among Best Lawyers in America

Press Release: Six Munsch Hardt Shareholders Named Texas Super Lawyers

Press Release: Four Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized As Best Lawyers in America

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Press Release: Russ Munsch Named Leader in Their Field by Chambers and Partners, Leading Research and Ranking Organization in the Legal Profession