

## *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

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**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 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