



Sharon L. Stolte

SHAREHOLDER IN

Sharon L. Stolte is the leader of the firm's Bankruptcy group. She brings more than 25 years of experience in business law and business and commercial litigation. Sharon's legal practice focuses on bankruptcy, Chapter 11 debtor and creditor issues, as well as Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 consumer debtor matters. She has represented creditors in all aspects of creditor rights litigation, claim objection litigation, collateral realization, mechanic liens, collections, foreclosures and replevin litigation.

Sharon has also assisted financial institutions, lenders and large suppliers with consumer and commercial restructuring of troubled credits and other business matters. In addition to representing clients before both state and federal courts, she has served as national counsel for several Kansas City-based construction industry firms. As a result of the breadth of her practice and her years of experience, Sharon is well-known and highly-regarded in the Kansas City legal community.

Sharon currently serves on the Kansas Bankruptcy Bench Bar Committee. She has also served on the Attorney Advisory Committee for the Western District of Missouri Bankruptcy Court. Sharon is a Board Member on the American Bankruptcy Institute Advisory Board for the Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute.

Sharon was recently selected by the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for their List of Neutrals for Category I and II. The Mediation and Assessment Program (MAP) is the Western District of Missouri's alternative dispute resolution (ADR) program for civil lawsuits. MAP provides an early opportunity for litigants to productively explore options for resolving the case or narrow the issues in dispute and may also be used at later stages of litigation.

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SERVICES

Bankruptcy

Restructuring & Creditors' Rights

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Mechanics Liens

Real Estate Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Banking & Finance

Construction & Development

Mortgage Providers & Services

Real Estate

Regardless of business size or legal need, Sharon's focus is always on being a passionate advocate for her clients and tirelessly pursuing their best interests. By taking on their current legal issues as her own and working to solve each problem presented, she takes pride in being able to put everything back together whenever businesses or relationships break down.

Previously Sharon was Managing Attorney of the firm's Kansas City office where she worked directly with the firm's CEO, practice group and senior firm leadership on all aspects of the operation of the Kansas City office.

In addition to her legal career, Sharon enjoys spending time with her family, which includes her husband and three children and their many sports and activities.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bankruptcy Institute
Midwestern Bankruptcy Institute, Board Member

American Bar Association

Associated General Contractors of Missouri

Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City (AWL)

International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, Member

Johnson County Bar Association

Kansas Bankruptcy Bench Bar Committee (appointed by the court)

Kansas City Chapter of the American Bankruptcy Institute's Advisory Board

Kansas City Bankruptcy Bar, Former Director

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
Commercial & Bankruptcy Law Committee, Former Vice Chair

Former Workout Professional Organization, Former Officer

Turnaround Management Association, Midwest Chapter, President

Western Missouri Bankruptcy Court's Attorney Advisory Group (AAG)

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Kansas School of Law

B.A., University of Colorado

LICENSURE(S) AND ADMISSION(S)

Kansas District, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court

Missouri District, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court

United States District and Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

United States District and Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri

United States District and Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas

Sharon was selected to serve on the List of Neutrals for Category I and II for the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for the term of August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024.

Sharon is also authorized to electronically file in most Federal Bankruptcy Courts in the United States.

CLERKSHIP

Sharon clerked for the Honorable Massie Tillman, United States Bankruptcy Judge in Fort Worth, Texas.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

An active member of the Kansas City community, Sharon commits her time to many organizations outside the legal industry:

Heart of America Standdown Association for Homeless Veterans

Heartland Soccer Association, Vice President

Hope Lutheran Board of Education, Former Chairperson

Hope Lutheran Church and School Auction, Former Co-chair

Kansas Premier Soccer League, President

Kansas State Youth Soccer Association, Vice-President

United Way Fundraising Campaign

PRESENTATIONS

Sharon is frequently invited to speak on legal issues in bankruptcy and creditors' rights.

June 2020, Presentation to Western Missouri Bankruptcy Court's Attorney Advisory Group

PUBLICATIONS

"Will We See More CRE Chapter 11 Bankruptcies as a Result of COVID?", *Kansas City Business Journal*, July 2021

Sharon regularly contributes to the Missouri Practice Series and composes the chapter pertaining to Mechanics Liens.

She is also a contributor to the *Missouri In-House Counsel Magazine* by Missouri Lawyers Media.

RECOGNITION

2024

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Best Lawyer

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

2022

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY

The POWER List

Top 100 Attorney

2021

MISSOURI LAWYERS MEDIA

The POWER List

Bankruptcy Attorney

2019, 2015-2016

KANSAS CITY BUSINESS JOURNAL

Best of Bar

2019

KANSAS CITY BUSINESS JOURNAL

Best of the Bar

2019

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY

Law Firm Leader

2014

THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

A Celebration of Women