



## Leah Lopez

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### Main Bio

**Leah focuses on representing creditors, including official and ad hoc committees, debtors, and investors in complex domestic and cross-border restructuring matters. Her experience spans a broad range of industries, including energy, hospitality, and transportation.**

Prior to joining Benesch, Leah was an associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Paul Hastings LLP.

Leah earned her J.D. from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, where she served as senior articles editor for *the Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy*.

*\*Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.*

### Experience

#### Additional Experience

- Counsel to an ad hoc group of secured creditors in the chapter 11 restructuring cases of Avianca Holdings S.A., a major Latin American airline.\*
- Counsel to the debtors in the chapter 11 restructuring of Eagle Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust and affiliates, owners of a U.S. hotel portfolio, including in connection with an all-asset Section 363 sale.\*
- Counsel to the Official Committee of Tort Claimants in connection with the chapter 11 cases of Rite Aid Corporation, a Fortune 500 public company and one of America's largest drugstore chains.\*
- Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Puerto Rico's adjustment of its debts under Title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act.\*
- Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the chapter 11 cases of Pipeline Health System, LLC and its affiliates, an independent healthcare network with hospitals in California, Texas, and Illinois, involving more than \$603 million in liabilities.\*

#### Related Practices

Litigation

Insolvency & Creditors' Rights

#### Related Industries

Energy

Transportation & Logistics

#### Education

- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 2019, J.D.
- Barnard College, 2011, B.A.

#### Credentials

- New York

- Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the chapter 11 cases of Yellow Corporation, an American-based trucking and transportation services company that operated one of the largest less-than-truckload networks in North America, involving over \$1.2 billion of liabilities.\*
- Counsel to Loyalty Ventures Inc. and its affiliates, an operator of customer loyalty programs, in their chapter 11 cases involving over \$656 million in liabilities.\*
- Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, on a pro bono basis, in the chapter 11 case of right-wing media personality Alex Jones, which was commenced following the entry of more than \$1.5 billion in state court judgments against Jones and his company, Free Speech Systems, as a result of Jones's defamatory comments regarding the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.\*