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Bankruptcy and Insolvency  
 Creditors' Rights and Remedies  
 Commercial Litigation



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### Current Scope of Practice

- Secured creditor representations in bankruptcy reorganizations, liquidations and foreclosures.
- Insurance coverage disputes and related claim litigation in bankruptcy cases.
- Creditor committee representations in Chapter 11 cases.
- Acquisitions, restructurings and loan workouts involving financially troubled companies.
- Commercial disputes and complex litigation related to bankruptcy cases.
- All other aspects of bankruptcy and insolvency law.

### Representative Engagements

- Secured lender in bankruptcy cases filed by large commercial real estate developers.
- Secured lender in DIP financing and contested plan confirmation proceedings in bankruptcy case filed by publicly traded restaurant chain.
- Large retailer in various commercial disputes and bankruptcy cases.
- Insurance carriers in a variety of coverage disputes, claims litigation and other related matters in bankruptcy cases filed in various jurisdictions.
- Representation of large and small companies in bankruptcy acquisitions and restructurings—both in and outside of formal bankruptcy proceedings.
- Liquidating trustee in Chapter 11 bankruptcy of international construction company.

- Creditors committees in Chapter 11 bankruptcies of a publicly traded software company, telecommunications company and national restaurant chain.
- International manufacturer and distributor of home medical products and equipment in Chapter 11 bankruptcy and related multi-forum litigation, including successful mediation of all claims before federal mediator.
- Representation of creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy and insolvency matters, including preference actions, claims determination, and relief from stay matters.

#### Affiliations, Activities and Accomplishments

- President, Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum (2005-2006)
- Member, Bench Bar-Liason Committee, Northern District of California (2004-2007)
- Educational Co-Chair, California Bankruptcy Forum (2006-2007)
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Former Assistant U.S. Trustee, San Jose Office of the United States Trustee (1995-2001)
- Former Instructor at the National Bankruptcy Training Institute (1997-2000)
- Former law clerk to the Honorable Randall J. Newsome, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of California, Oakland Division
- Former law clerk to the Honorable Louise DeCarl Adler, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of California

#### Publications & Presentations

- “Key Bankruptcy Issues & Strategies for Insurers,” Bermuda Insurance Institute (2011)
- “What Insurance Companies Need to Know About Bankruptcy,” Association for California Insurance Companies, General Counsel Seminar (2009)
- “Bankruptcy Issues Affecting the Healthcare Industry,” Sedgwick’s Annual West Coast Healthcare Seminar (2009)
- Contributing author, Chapter 15 Recognition, “Part VII Transfers, A Practical Guide,” *Run Off & Restructuring* (2008)
- “The Shifting Landscape of Bankruptcy Law: Implications for Clients,” Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Law (2007)
- “Litigating Against a Party That Filed Bankruptcy,” Association of Business Trial Lawyers (2005)

- “Committee Ethics, An Oxymoron?” California Bankruptcy Forum (2002)
- Guest lecturer on a variety of bankruptcy related topics, Stanford University, Graduate School of Business (2002-2009)
- “Dot-com Bankruptcies: A Preview from Silicon Valley,” *ABI Journal* (2000)

#### Education

Mr. Gebhard earned his J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law (1986), *cum laude*. He received a B.A. in American History and Spanish at Indiana University (1983), with high distinction, Phi Beta Kappa.