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Areas of Practice

Contract and UCC Litigation and Transactional Work
Business Bankruptcies, Reorganizations and Workouts
Creditors' Remedies
International Insolvency Matters

Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor, Debtor Creditor Law, Seattle University (1984 - Present)
Adjunct Professor, Corporate Reorganization Course, University of Washington School of Law (1997-1999)

Admitted to Practice

Washington
Oregon
U.S. District Court, Western and Eastern Districts of Washington
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Academics

University of Puget Sound (J.D., *cum laude*, 1980)
University of Washington (B.S., *cum laude*, 1975)

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Member, Lane Powell Board of Directors
Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights
Business Crisis Management and Emergency Remedies
Financial Institutions
Canada Practice
Litigation
Real Estate Litigation

Publications

"Throwing a Lifeline — How to Acquire Troubled Assets Using a Lawyer's Toolbox," *Seattle Business* magazine, December 2009

"Alternatives to Bankruptcy: Receiverships, Assignments for Benefit of Creditors and Informal Work Out Arrangements," *Inside the Minds: Adapting to Evolutions in Bankruptcy Law*, Aspatore Books, 2009

Author of Bankruptcy Chapter, *Washington Practice Series*

Speaking Engagements

"Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Law Update," Eastern District of Washington Bankruptcy Retreat, June 17-18

"Reorganization vs. Liquidation in Chapter 11 Cases," Washington State Bar Association and Oregon State Bar Association's 24th Annual Northwest Bankruptcy Institute, April 8, 2011

Awards and Honors

Sidney C. Volinn Award of Merit, Washington State Bar Association, 2003
Named as a “Washington Super Lawyer,” *Super Lawyers* magazine, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2006-2011 (“Top 50 Women Washington Super Lawyers,” 2008-2011 and “Top 100 Washington Super Lawyers,” 2008)
Recognized for her work in bankruptcy law by *The Legal 500 (United States)*, 2009
Recommended by *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2006, 2009-2011
Peer Review Rated “AV” in *Martindale-Hubbell*

Professional and Community Activities

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy Lawyers
Board Member, Foundation Board
Member, Pro Bono Committee
United States Trustee, Region XVIII (1988-1993)
American Bankruptcy Institute, Former Board Member, Contributing Author to *ABI Journal*
INSOL Committee Chair and Board Member (1996-1999)
Washington State Bar Association
Creditor Debtor Executive Committee (1988-1996)
Turnaround Management Association
President of NW Chapter (2004)
Board Member (2001-2009)
CENTS (Pro Bono Bankruptcy Group)
Board Member (1996- Present)
Secretary (2005-2010)
Vice President (2010)
Volunteer at Debt Clinic (1998-Present)
Board Member, St. John’s/ABI Law Review
Board Member, *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* (2005-2006)