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Areas of Practice

Bruce Leaverton is the chair of the Firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. His practice focuses on business finance and restructuring matters, representing borrowers, secured lenders, debtors, creditors' committees, bankruptcy trustees, indentured trustees, and state and federal court receivers. He has considerable experience representing financial institutions and corporate clients in complex financial bankruptcies, restructurings, recapitalizations, intellectual property disputes, lender liability litigation, and mergers and acquisitions, both inside and outside of bankruptcy court. His representation of institutional lenders in distressed secured loan and workout matters is aided and informed by his considerable experience and understanding of the other side of the table, based on his representation of various corporate borrowers. His practice also includes a wide variety of litigation and administrative matters concerning financial and loan enforcement issues, including inter-creditor disputes and a variety of investigative and enforcement proceedings by government regulatory agencies.

Admitted to Practice

Washington
Texas (inactive)

Academics

University of Oklahoma (J.D., 1983)
Chief Articles Editor, *Oklahoma Law Review*, 1982-1983
University of Kansas (B.A., with honors, 1975; M.A., 1978)
Published Note: "Workers' Compensation: Death Benefits are the Problem of Dependency," 35 *Okla. L. Rev.* 182-92 (1982)
International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award, 1983
Instructor, Legal Writing, Paralegal Studies, University of Washington Extension, 1988

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Chair, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group
Business Crisis Management and Emergency Remedies
Community Development Team
Construction and Environmental
Financial Institutions
Litigation
New Market Tax Credits
Real Estate
Real Estate Litigation

Awards and Honors

Named *Best Lawyers*® Seattle Banking and Finance Lawyer of the Year for 2011
Recommended by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2008-2011

Named as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights, Banking and Finance, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization, Banking and Finance Litigation, Bankruptcy Litigation, 2005-2012

Named as a “Washington Super Lawyer,” *Super Lawyers* magazine, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2005, 2007-2011

Peer Review Rated “AV” in Martindale-Hubbell

Professional and Community Activities

Creditor/Debtor Section of Washington State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Frequent Lecturer at various seminars on Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Financial Matters

Volunteer, Rebuilding Together

Director and Secretary, Turnaround Management Association, Northwest Chapter