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SERVICES

Real Estate
Commercial & Real Estate Finance (Co-Chair)
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PRACTICE OVERVIEW

Deborah is a member of the Real Estate, Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy and Financial Institutions practices. Deborah focuses on representing creditors in all aspects of secured transactions, receiverships, bankruptcies and workout proceedings. In particular, she has substantial experience representing lenders, leasing companies, trade creditors, trustees and receivers.

Deborah was recently singled out by the highly regarded *Chambers USA* legal directory, which annually interviews firm clients. In addition to a top-ranking of Foster Pepper's Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy practice, Deborah is "*well known and loved in Seattle*" for her work representing creditors, trustees and receivers in a broad array of matters" and is particularly noted for her Chapter 7 trustee litigation.

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - + Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2011-present
- *Chambers USA* Leading Individual, Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, 2012-2019
- Washington Super Lawyers list, 2003-2009, 2012-2019
- 2010 Top Lawyer, Seattle Metropolitan magazine
- Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers list, 2001
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating
- Seattle University
 - + Semifinalist; Fredric Cutner Tausend Moot Court Competition, 1991
 - + Member, Order of the Barristers

ACTIVITIES

- American Bankruptcy Institute
 - + Trustee
 - + Committee to the Commission Studying Changes to Chapter 11, Member
 - + Publications Committee, Member
- Business Reorganization Committee, Former Co-Chair

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- Washington State Bar Association
 - + Member
 - + Debtor-Creditor Subsection, Member
- Oregon Bar Association
 - + Member
 - + Debtor-Creditor Subsection, Member
- King County Bar Association
- CENTS, Former Board Member
- Northwest Kidney Centers, Foundation Board, Member
- Swedish Medical Center Foundation
 - + Campaign Planning Committee
 - + Board Member

PUBLICATIONS

- “Are Non-Debtor Releases/Permanent Injunctions Authorized Under the Bankruptcy Code?” Author, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, May 2003
- “Dot Com Windups Using State Law,” Author, National Business Institute (Monograph), 2001
- “Should an Oversecured Creditor be Entitled to Post-Petition Interest at the Default Rate?” Author, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, March 1998.
- “Dealing with Bankruptcy,” Author, National Business Institute (Monograph), 1997
- “To Be Inventory or Not To Be Inventory - That is the Question: Auto Dealerships Bankruptcies Create Confusing Landscape for Secured Creditors,” Author, American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, 1997

PRESENTATIONS

- ABI/NCBJ Conference Roundtables, Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, October 2014
- “Distinctions With Differences: Guarantors, Co-Borrowers, Accommodation Parties; and When to Use Cross-Collateralization Clauses and Cross-Default Clauses,” Panelist, Risk Management Association Puget Sound Chapter Spring Seminar, May 2012
- “2012 Utility Payment Collections,” Speaker, Washington Public Treasurer's Association 25th Annual Conference, April 2012
- “2008 Utility Payment Collections and Liens,” Speaker, Washington Public Treasurers Association, April 2007
- Presentations related to Creditors' Rights law
 - + Panel Discussion on Bankruptcy Trends, Washington State Federal Bar Program, December 2005
 - + “Right Without a Remedy?: Individual and Small Business chapter 11 Under the New Code,” Speaker, ABI Winter Leadership Conference, December 2005
 - + “Bankruptcy Issues,” Speaker, Washington Collection Law, Including an Update on Bankruptcy Reform, Lorman Educational Services, July 2005

EXPERIENCE

- Foster Pepper PLLC, Member, 2001-Present
 - + Executive Committee Member, 2019-Present
- Betts Patterson & Mines, P.S., Member, 1992-2001

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington, 1992
- Oregon, 2004
- U.S. District Court
- Eastern District of Washington, 1993
- Western District of Washington, 1992
- District of Oregon, 2005
- 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals 1996

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law (*cum laude*) 1992
- M.S., University of Massachusetts, 1985
- Honours Bachelor of Commerce, Laurentian University, 1982