



Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy

The Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy practice at Foster Pepper is one of the strongest in the Northwest with skilled attorneys who dedicate their entire practice to this area of the law and provide clients with "small firm" personal service and "big firm" experience. The team successfully represents multinational corporations and individuals in a number of different industries including banking, manufacturing, timber, fishing, real estate and retail.

Attorneys in this group actively represent regional and national clients in connection with a wide variety of bankruptcy and insolvency matters. We also represent plaintiffs and defendants in bankruptcy-related litigation, including claims by and against trustees, claims against former officers and directors, and recipients of allegedly avoidable transfers.

We represent secured lenders, borrowers, guarantors and receivers in all aspects of work-outs and realization proceedings, including non-judicial and judicial foreclosures, lending litigation and receiverships. Our firm also represents buyers of assets out of Chapter 11 and receivership proceedings in the Puget Sound region.

Our Creditor's Rights & Bankruptcy practice is highly regarded, both regionally and nationally. The practice is consistently ranked in Band 1 for Bankruptcy/Restructuring by *Chambers USA*, as well as being ranked in Tier 3 on the national level and Tier 1 for Seattle in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law by *U.S. News/Best Lawyers*.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Buyers

Our attorneys have represented clients in a number of acquisitions of assets out of both local and national bankruptcy cases.

Creditor, Equity and Bondholder Committees

We represent creditor committees in virtually every type of business and successfully proposed and confirmed creditors' plans where the debtor has been unable or unwilling to do so. Also, we have been successful in obtaining appointment of equity committees and insuring that the investors in the debtor had a voice in the outcome of the case.

Debtors

Foster Pepper's creditors' rights and bankruptcy attorneys have a successful track record of representing troubled businesses and individuals with complex financial issues in all manner of reorganizations, sales and liquidations. We strive to meet the goals of the client in finding the best solution.

Landlords

Our attorneys have substantial experience in the representation of landlords in a wide range of lease situations. In addition, we have been successful in forming unofficial landlords' committees to reduce costs and prosecute issues of mutual interest.

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Secured Creditors

We regularly represent financial institutions, finance companies, and other secured lenders in enforcing their rights in and out of bankruptcy proceedings. Our attorneys are uniquely suited to protect secured creditor rights to the maximum extent in insolvency proceedings.

Representative Clients

- Alaska Leader Fisheries
- Bennu Glass LLC
- Citizens' Business Bank
- Colony Capital, LLC
- Columbia State Bank
- Costco Wholesale Corporation
- HomeStreet Bank
- JELD-WEN, inc.
- JSH Properties, Inc.
- Meridian Oversight Committee
- Resource Transition Consultants LLC