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Deborah focuses on representing creditors in all aspects of secured transactions, receiverships, bankruptcies and workout proceedings.

In particular, Deborah 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 Garvey's Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy practice, Deborah is "lauded for her strong creditor-focused practice and is identified as 'a very good insolvency lawyer.'"

Education

J.D., Seattle University School of Law (*cum laude*), 1992

- Fredric Cutner Tausend Moot Court Competition, Semifinalist, 1991
- Order of the Barristers, Member

M.S., University of Massachusetts, 1985

Honours Bachelor of Commerce, Laurentian University, 1982

Honors & Recognition

Chambers USA (Washington) Leading Individual, Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, 2012-present

Services

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental

Commercial & Real Estate Finance

Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy

Financial Services

Real Estate

Admissions

Washington, 1992

Oregon, 2004

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2005

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 1993

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 1992

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, 1996

The Best Lawyers in America®

- Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2011-present
- Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" in Washington - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights, 2021

Lawdragon 500, 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, 2020

Washington Super Lawyers list, 2003-2009, 2012-2021

2010 Top Lawyer, *Seattle Metropolitan* magazine

Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers list, 2001

Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating

Professional Activities

American Bankruptcy Institute, Trustee

- Business Reorganization Committee, Former Co-Chair
- Committee to the Commission Studying Changes to Chapter 11
- Publications Committee

King County Bar Association, Member

Oregon Bar Association, Member

- Debtor-Creditor Subsection

Washington State Bar Association, Member

- Debtor-Creditor Subsection

Community Activities

Consumer Education and Training Services (CENTS), Former Board Member

Northwest Kidney Centers Foundation, Former Board Member

Swedish Medical Center Foundation

- Former Board Member
- Former Campaign Planning Committee Member

News

38 Attorneys Named 2022 Best Lawyers in America; 11 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.19.21

11 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2021

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.15.21

Foster Garvey Named Among Leading Law Firms in *Chambers USA*; Three Attorneys Added to Rankings

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.20.21

Deborah Crabbe Interviewed by Legalist for "How to Make Partner" Podcast

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.28.20

43 Attorneys Named 2021 *Best Lawyers in America*; 10 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.20.20

Bankruptcy Attorneys Featured in Inaugural Lawdragon List

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.27.20

11 Attorneys Named Washington Super Lawyers and Five Named Rising Stars

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.16.20

Foster Garvey Named Among Top Firms in Chambers USA, Including Ranking of Six New Attorneys

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 4.23.20

50 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named 2020 *Best Lawyers in America*

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.19

32 Attorneys Named Super Lawyers and Eight Named Rising Stars

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.10.19

Foster Garvey Named Among Top Firms in *Chambers USA*, Including Nationwide Ranking in New Focus Area

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 4.25.19

Speaking Engagements

ABI/NCBJ Conference Roundtables, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Speaking Engagement

Chicago, IL, 10.10.14

"Distinctions With Differences: Guarantors, Co-Borrowers, Accommodation Parties; and When to Use Cross-Collateralization Clauses and Cross-Default Clauses," Risk Management Association Puget Sound Chapter Spring Seminar

Speaking Engagement

May 2012

"2012 Utility Payment Collections," Washington Public Treasurer's Association 25th Annual Conference

Speaking Engagement

Chelan, WA, 4.18.12

"2008 Utility Payment Collections and Liens," Washington Public Treasurers Association

Speaking Engagement

Chelan, WA, 4.13.07

"Right Without a Remedy?: Individual and Small Business chapter 11 Under the New Code," ABI Winter Leadership Conference

Speaking Engagement

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, 12.6.05

Panel Discussion on Bankruptcy Trends, Washington State Federal Bar Program

Speaking Engagement

December 2005

"Bankruptcy Issues," Washington Collection Law, Including an Update on Bankruptcy Reform, Lorman Education Services

Speaking Engagement

July 2005

Legal Alerts

Supreme Court Clarifies That Section 362(a)(3) Does Not Prohibit the Mere Retention of a Debtor's Property

1.28.21

Chuck E. Cheese and *Pier 1* Rulings Highlight Risks and Considerations for Commercial Property Landlords and Tenants in Bankruptcy Proceedings

1.15.21

Ninth Circuit Opens the Door to Limited Nonconsensual Third Party Releases in Chapter 11 Plans

8.18.20

(Not-So) Small Business Reorganization Act: CARES Act Expands SBRA Eligibility

4.6.20

Publications

Foster Garvey COVID-19 Resource Center

3.18.20

"Are Non-Debtor Releases/Permanent Injunctions Authorized Under the Bankruptcy Code?"

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, May 2003

"Dot Com Windups Using State Law," National Business Institute (Monograph)

National Business Institute (Monograph), 2001

"Should an Oversecured Creditor be Entitled to Post-Petition Interest at the Default Rate?"

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, March 1998

"To Be Inventory or Not To Be Inventory - That is the Question: Auto Dealerships Bankruptcies

Create Confusing Landscape for Secured Creditors," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, 1997

"Dealing with Bankruptcy," National Business Institute (Monograph)

National Business Institute (Monograph), 1997