

CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **EXPERIENCE**

1980 to Present

- Representation of borrowers in complex insolvency reorganization cases, primarily Chapters 7, 9, 11, 12, receiverships, assignments for benefit of creditors and workouts.
- Special emphasis on agricultural insolvencies, especially involving ranches, farms, Producer's Liens, PACA, dairies, processors, packers and wineries.
- Additional emphasis on Chapter 9 for Healthcare Special Districts and Health & Safety Code receiverships.

## **NOTABLE CASES**

- Riverbend International (international food processor).
- Nahama & Weigant Energy (oil and gas).
- California Bean Growers Association (processor).
- Chowchilla Hospital District (Chapter 9).
- CP-Meilland, Inc. (rose breeder and grower).
- Powerburst, Inc. (sports beverage company).
- Waterman Industries, Inc. (irrigation valves and gates).
- Property Development Group, LLC (large real estate development).
- Central Valley Processing, Inc. (Growers' Committee).
- TriValley Growers (South Valley tomato growers).

- Sierra Kings Health Care District (Chapter 9).
- Alta Healthcare District (Chapter 9).
- Club One Casino (Creditors).
- West Coast Growers, Inc. (2014 raisin growers).
- And numerous large dairies, canneries, farming operations, food and nut processors, packers, developers, commercial properties, retailers, transportation companies, non-profits, healthcare entities and wineries.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- Fresno County Bar Association (Business Law Section, Co-Chair, 2017/Chair 1989; Director, 2003 – 2006; Agricultural Law Section, Chair 1995).
- Representative to Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (2007- 2009).
- Co-Chair of Eastern District Judicial Conference (2008, 2009).
- Local Rules Advisory Committee, Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 Subcommittees, Eastern District of California (2010 - Present).
- American Bankruptcy Institute (1988 - Present).
- Agricultural Lending Institute, (Panelist, 2003 - Present).
- State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Agribusiness Committee (Co-Chair, 1999 - 2000).
- Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Chapter (Director, 1998 - 2006; President, 2003).
- Central California Bankruptcy Association (President, 1988).
- California Bankruptcy Forum (Director, 1992 - 2000).
- Society of Agricultural Lenders, San Joaquin Valley Chapter (1998 - Present).
- Central California Receivers Forum, Central Valley Chapter (Director, 2001 - 2007).
- Chair, Agricultural Law Review Advisory Committee, San Joaquin College of Law (1987 - 2005).
- California Bankruptcy Forum, Program Committee (1993, 1996 and 1997).
- BDRP Advocate/Mediator, Eastern District of California (2007 – Present).

- Planning Committee Member and Panelist, California State Bar, Continuing Education of the Bar, "How to Handle a Chapter 11 Proceeding" (1992, 2010).

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Frequent lecturer on bankruptcy topics to business, agriculture and legal groups, including the 2010 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, California State Bar Conference, California State Bar Conference, Central California Bankruptcy Association Institute and Agricultural Lending Institute.
- Adjunct Professor of Management (Entrepreneurial Studies), California State University Fresno (2006).
- Adjunct Professor of Agricultural Law, San Joaquin College of Law, Fresno (1989 – 1993).
- Tenured Associate Professor of agricultural business management, California Polytechnic State University, Pomona (1975 – 1980).
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo – Lecturer in agricultural business management (1974 – 1975).

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, New Orleans, October 2010, "Don't Supersize Me".
- Co-author, *California Bankruptcy Journal*, "Lender Beware: California's Secret and Not So Secret Statutory Agricultural Liens" (Volume 31, No. 1, 2010).
- Presenter, Farmers and Ranchers Tax Conference (September 2010).
- Presenter, Central California Bankruptcy Association, Annual Institute (September 2012).
- Co-author, *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, "California Producer's Liens: A Primer" (May, 2010).
- *Business Law News*, "Family Farmer Bankruptcy and the New Bankruptcy Law: Chapter 12 Will be More Useful to California Farmers" (August, 2006).

- Contributing Author, *Continuing Education of the Bar*, "Debt Collection Practice in California" (2006).
- Presenter, *American Bar Association*, "California's Secret and Not so Secret Statutory Agricultural Liens", San Francisco, CA (1997).
- *San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review*, "A Case for Avoidance of Secret Farmer Liens: The California Producer's Lien" (1994).
- Contributing Author, *John Wiley Publisher (Agricultural Issues)*, "Advanced Chapter 11 Practice", (1991, Rev. 1993).
- Co-Author, *Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*, Norton, "Contents of Fee-Applications" (1985).
- Speaker, *Eastern District Judicial Conference* "Bankruptcy Crimes" (1998) and "Healthcare Bankruptcies" (1999).
- Speaker, annual meeting of Association of Insolvency Accountants, (San Francisco, CA 1998).
- Dairy Today, Farm Journal, Blog (2012 – 2014).

## **SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

- Valley's Children's Hospital (Board of Trustees, Investment, Facilities and Governance Committees, Director and Secretary/Treasurer of Medical Foundation Board, 2010-Present).
- City of Fresno Charter Review Commission (Commissioner, Vice Chair, 2011).
- Patino School of Entrepreneurship, Fresno Unified School District (Advisory Board, 2015-2016)
- New California Ventures, LLC Advisory Council (Angel Fund) (2012-2014).
- Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, California State University, Fresno, Advisory Council (2002 –2014, Chair, 2012-2014).
- Bulldog Venture Capital Fund (General Counsel, 2005 - 2013).
- Fresno Business Council (Director, 2003 - 2008).
- Central Valley Business Incubator, Inc. (Vice President, Counsel, Director, 1997 - 2009).

- Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art and The Clark Center (Director, 2003 - 2006).
- Fresno Metropolitan Museum (Trustee, 1999 - 2002).
- Fresno City and County Historical Society (Trustee, 1993-1999).

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Bankruptcy Institute.
- Central California Bankruptcy Association.
- American Agricultural Law Association.
- American Bar Association.
- Western Growers Association (Associate Member).
- Fresno/Tulare County Farm Bureaus.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow, Class XIII.
- Northern California "Top 100" Super Lawyer, 2011-14, 2016, 2018.
- Northern California Super Lawyer, 2004-2018.
- Av rating by Martindale & Hubbell since 1995.
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow 2015- present.
- William M. Lyles Vision Award-Lyles Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship/Fresno State University, 2014

## **EDUCATION**

Western State College of Law  
J.D, 1980

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
M.S. in Agriculture, 1974, B.A., 1973

Certified Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the  
American Board of Bankruptcy Certification.

California Agribusiness Executive Program,  
University of California-Davis (2008 and 2012)

## **PLEASURE**

- Reading.
- Adventure Travel.
- Native American Archeology and Anthropology.