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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Insolvency & Financial Law Group; Alternative Lenders; Entertainment Industry Law



Pamela Kohlman Webster is the firm's Chief Risk Officer, an Executive Vice President and a member of its Board of Directors. She is also the Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Board of Attorneys Insurance Mutual Risk Retention Group.

Ms. Webster's legal practice includes corporate reorganizations, insolvency, bankruptcy, workouts and liquidations, with a particular emphasis on entertainment and regulated industries including insurance companies, healthcare providers, and financial institutions. Ms. Webster's more significant assignments include:

- C&K Markets, Spansion, LLC, Nurserymen's Exchange, Illuminations.com, Megafoods, Inc. (counsel to the lender)
- Open Road Films, Relativity Media, Blockbuster Video, Bob Yari Film Group, MGM Studios, The Tribune Company (counsel to a major entertainment company)
- EMAK Worldwide, Inc. (counsel to the Independent Director)
- WATTSHHealth Foundation, Inc. (counsel to the conservator)
- Mission Insurance Group, Inc., et al. (counsel to the debtor)
- Angeles Corporation, Casablanca Fan Company (counsel to the creditors' committee)
- Bermuda Fire & Marine, Fremont Reinsurance Company (counsel to the administrator)

Ms. Webster represented the prevailing party in *In re Grand Chevrolet, Inc.*, 25 F. 3d 728 (9th Cir. 1994)(cert denied), establishing that late payments could nonetheless be safe from preference attack if the debtor had a past practice of paying late.

Ms. Webster, who is AV Preeminent rated by *Martindale Hubbell*, has been recognized as a Best Lawyer in America in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, an honor she has received since 2011. She has been selected by *Super Lawyer Magazine* as a Southern California Super Lawyer from 2004 to 2021 – and was recognized as one of Super Lawyer's "Top 50 Women in Law" of Southern California. Ms. Webster is recognized by *Chambers and Partners* as an "Eminent Practitioner" in the area of Bankruptcy and Restructuring, and was also selected as one of 2010's Irish Legal 100, highlighting leading figures in law across the U.S. In 2019, Ms. Webster was selected by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* as a nominee for the 13th annual CFO Awards. Since 2020, Ms. Webster was recognized as *Lawdragon* 500 leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers. Most recently, she was recognized as a nominee in the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* "2021 Women's Leadership Series and Awards."

Publications

- It's Always Something: The Repeated Assaults on Licensee Rights in Bankruptcy, *Journal of Bankruptcy*

Law, January 2014

- It's Always Something: The Repeated Assaults on Licensee Rights in Bankruptcy, *Buchalter Nemer Points & Authorities*, Summer 2013

Presentations

- Speaker, "Who's at the Door - Wolf or Sheep? Managing Risk Through Qualitative Business Intake," AON Law Firm, October 11, 2018
- Speaker, "It's a Jungle Out There: Managing Risk in Midsized Firms," Legal Malpractice Risk Management Conference , March 5, 2018
- Speaker, "Food for Thought: A Case Study of the Successful Reorganization of C&K Markets, Inc.," Turnaround Management Association in Portland, OR, April 30, 2015
- Judge, "the American College of Bankruptcy Law School Negotiation Competition," February 7, 2015
- Co speaker, "Senior Partners' Pet Peeves," Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, October 21, 2010
- Speaker, "My Customer/Vendor/Lender Just Filed for Bankruptcy! Now What Do I Do?," TechAmerica, January 26, 2010

Education

Ms. Webster earned her J.D. at the University of California, Davis School of Law in 1982.

Bar Admissions

- California

Community

- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
- Past Chair, State Bar Committee on Federal Courts
- Lectures frequently on insolvency, professional responsibility and ethics, and issues facing women in the legal profession.