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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Insolvency & Financial Law Group; Apparel & Consumer Products; Entertainment Industry Law; Wine Industry Law; Hospitality Industry Law



Bernard ("Bo") Bollinger's practice focuses on corporate restructuring and the regular representation of secured and unsecured creditors and debtors in various bankruptcy cases across a wide array of industries. Practicing for over 30 years, he has substantial experience in nearly every phase of the reorganization process.

Mr. Bollinger regularly represents creditors and acquirers in real estate related bankruptcy cases, including multiple engagements for some of the largest real estate development companies in Southern California. This expertise was the basis of multiple presentations, including, "Out of Mind But No Longer Out of Sight – Bankruptcy Issues Real Estate Professionals Will Soon Face," an educational program that Mr. Bollinger presented to numerous organizations, including the San Francisco Real Estate Roundtable; various developers; a nationally-known real estate brokerage company; and to aspiring real estate developers at the University of Southern California's Graduate School of Policy, Planning and Development. Mr. Bollinger is Chair of the Firm's Insolvency and Financial Solutions Practice Group, and the Firm's Chief Practice Management Officer. He is also Chair of the Firm's Continuing Legal Education Committee and Chair of the Firm's Technology Committee.

Mr. Bollinger speaks regularly on various insolvency-related topics. His presentations include "LLC Membership Interests as Collateral and as Property of the Bankruptcy Estate: Value More 'Limited' Than You May Think," at the Financial Lawyer's Conference as well as the panel moderator on *Stern v. Marshall* at the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal Symposium in Atlanta. He also presented "Restructuring TICs: Strategies for Troubled Loans Secured by Tenant-In-Common Interests" at the Financial Lawyers Conference. He has been a guest speaker for the Los Angeles County Bar Association (Real Property Section) concerning insolvency-related real estate issues, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association (Commercial Loan and Bankruptcy Section) concerning Ninth Circuit decisions (2009). Mr. Bollinger has also lectured at Loyola Law School, Southwestern University School of Law, and at the University of Southern California Graduate School of Policy, Planning and Development.

Mr. Bollinger, who is rated AV Preeminent by *Martindale Hubbell*, has been recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a leader in the field of Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring and as a 2016-2023 *Best Lawyer in America* in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights and Insolvency and Reorganization Law. He is currently the President of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference and a member of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum.

Representative Matters

- Purchaser of substantially all assets of distributor and licensor after obtaining the SDNY bankruptcy court's approval despite Debtors' attempt to confirm the sale to a competing bidder (*In re Northwest Company, LLC*)
- Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (*In re Quality Reimbursement Services, Inc.*)

- Secured Creditor and stalking horse bidder for acquisition of prime commercial real property in downtown Los Angeles (*In re Holy Hill Community Church*)
- Joint debtors in restructuring of \$160 million credit facility secured by portfolio of multi-family residential apartment complexes (*In re Gulfstream Apt. Portfolio, LLC*)
- Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (*In re Mancha Development Company, Inc.*)
- Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (*In re Benjamin S. Catlin, IV*)
- Acquirer of parcels of real estate from the bankruptcy case of a developer (*In re Landsource Communities Development LLC, et al.*)
- Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (*In re Active Wallace Group*)
- Potential Acquirer of claims held by a secured creditor in the bankruptcy case of a developer (*In re Laughlin Ranch, LLC*)

Publications

- Commentary: Absolute Priority: Court Holds Rule Applies to Individual Chapter 11s, *Turnarounds & Workouts*, April 2016
- Good News for Creditors in Individual Bankruptcy Cases, *buchalter.com*, February 4, 2016
- Could an Increase in Bankruptcy Sales Change the Game?, *Commercial Investment Real Estate*, February 1, 2012
- 6 Questions for Buchalter's Bo Bollinger, *GlobeSt.com*, October 14, 2011
- To Serve or Not to Serve? The Creditors' Committee Conundrum, *Buchalter Nemer Points & Authorities*, Spring 2011
- A Committee Member's Guide to Financing and Cash-Collateral Stipulations, *ABI Unsecured Trade Creditors, Volume 3, Number 3*, June 1, 2005
- Has Sarbanes-Oxley Altered The Bankruptcy Landscape? A Survey Of The Impact Of Sarbanes-Oxley Upon The Practice Of Bankruptcy Law In The Eighteen Months Since Its Enactment, *California Bankruptcy Journal*, April 16, 2004
- Delaware Deals, *The Economic Times*, April 1, 2004
- Incorporation Issues: Why Delaware?, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Vol. XVIII, No. 8*, October 1, 1999
- Recent Bankruptcy Issues Affecting Creditors, *Commercial Lender*, January 1, 1998

Presentations

- Moderator, "The Potential Lasting Impact of Virtual Courtroom Appearances," Financial Lawyers Conference Zoom presentation, September 24, 2020
- Speaker, "Exit Options: Plans, Sales, Liquidation and Related Issues," Financial Lawyers Conference Nuts & Bolts: In the Realm of Insolvency Conference, October 18, 2019
- Panelist, "Economic Trends Affecting the Remainder of the Year and Where the Market is Headed," Los Angeles Business Journal's 2014 Mid-Year Economic Forecast & Trends Breakfast Briefing, July 24, 2014
- Speaker, "The Basics of Business Bankruptcy," the Financial Lawyers Conference, June 6, 2014
- Speaker, "LLC Membership Interests as Collateral and as Property of the Bankruptcy Estate: Value More 'Limited' Than You May Think," Financial Lawyer's Conference, April 10, 2014
- Co speaker, "Restructuring TICs: Strategies for Troubled Loans Secured by Tenant-In-Common Interests," Financial Lawyers Conference Dinner Program, December 13, 2012
- Moderator, "Stern v. Marshall," Ninth Annual Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal Symposium at Emory University School of Law, March 1, 2012

Education

Mr. Bollinger earned his J.D. from Loyola Law School in 1987 and received his B.A. from the University of Southern California in 1984.

Bar Admissions

- California

Community

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Emanate Health (f/k/a Citrus Valley Health Partners)
- Formerly Chair of the Citrus Community College District Citizens Oversight Committee
- Past President of the Claremont Friends of the Library
- Past Chair of the Citrus College Foundation
- Past Chair, Claremont Community Foundation
- Moderator, sessions on *Dialogues On Freedom*, an annual program presented by the Los Angeles County Bar Association in cooperation with the Los Angeles Superior Courts and the Los Angeles Unified School District.