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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Insolvency & Financial Law Group; Automotive; Alternative Lenders



Daniel H. Slate has a longtime successful bankruptcy practice that includes corporate reorganizations, insolvency and creditors' rights. He serves as National Bankruptcy Coordinating Counsel to Fannie Mae.

Representative Matters

- Secured creditor over multi-unit residential property in Memphis, Tennessee in which borrower commenced chapter 11. The trial court ruled against the creditor repeatedly, and on three occasions, those rulings were successfully appealed and the adverse ruling reversed. The creditor eventually foreclosed on the collateral.
- Financial institution as lender under construction loan for \$80 million condominium conversion in which borrower commenced chapter 11.
- Secured creditor owed \$160 million with liens over 2,500 apartment units in Arizona in which borrower filed chapter 11.
- Creditor with claims totaling in excess of \$800 million in the chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Fairfield Properties filed in Delaware.
- Non-debtor party to an executory contract with a chapter 11 debtor in Delaware. The contract related to property appraised at over \$100 million. The debtor's plan was denied confirmation, the contract terminated and the case converted to chapter 7.
- Financial institution as secured creditor or lessor in several chapter 11 bankruptcy cases commenced in New York.
- Principal creditor in the chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Scott White Contemporary Art and in litigation related to the authenticity of a work reputed to be a Picasso.
- Secured creditor in the chapter 11 case of Alterra Healthcare Corporation in Delaware. The client was owed more than \$25 million, secured with assisted living facilities located in four states.
- Textile manufacturing company and affiliates as debtors in chapter 11 cases in Delaware. A plan of reorganization was confirmed restructuring more than \$250 million in debt of this public company.
- Technology company in litigation related to its software distribution relationship with RISC management, a debtor in a chapter 11 case in Boston. After a two day trial, the court issued an opinion in favor of our client.
- Foreign banking company in fraudulent conveyance litigation, related to transfers of approximately \$25 million. The matter was settled shortly before trial.
- Greek shipping interests in efforts to acquire a fleet of vessels from a chapter 11 debtor in Delaware.
- Textile manufacturing supplier and its affiliates as debtors in chapter 11 cases in Delaware. In less than a year, a plan of reorganization was confirmed for this public company, restructuring more than \$110 million

in debt.

- Secured creditor owed more than \$40 million in the chapter 11 cases in Sacramento of IRM Corporation and its affiliates. After confirmation of the negotiated plan, the client was paid in full all principal, interest and attorneys' fees.

Publications

- Buchalter Client Alert COVID-19: The Impact of COVID-19 on the Bankruptcy Court System, March 27, 2020
- When Are Goods "Received" By Your Buyer?, *Buchalter Client Alert*, August 22, 2017
- The Ninth Circuit Clarifies the Scope of the 502(B)(6) "Cap" on a Landlord's Lease Rejection Claim, *California Bankruptcy Journal Volume 34*, 2017, March 31, 2017
- Good Faith at Confirmation of a Plan that Relies on Artificial Impairment, *California Bankruptcy Journal Volume 34*, 2016, March 23, 2016
- Litigation in the Courts: Getting the Square Peg into the Round Hole, *ABI Journal*, June 1, 2012
- Section 365: To What Extent Do Equitable Principles and Application of State Law Affect Assumption?, *California Bankruptcy Journal, Volume 29*, 2008, March 31, 2008

Presentations

- Speaker, "Understanding the Benefits and Limitations of Section 108 and other Bankruptcy Statutes of Limitation," Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, Atlanta Georgia, March 23, 2019
- Speaker, "Claims Trading - Buyers, Sellers, and Debtors Beware!!," Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, Atlanta Georgia, March 22, 2019
- Speaker, "The Difference Between Being a Direct Borrower and a Guarantor," and "Cross-Collateralization Among Various Affiliated Borrowers," Toyota Motor Credit Dealer Lending Conference, June 29, 2016
- Speaker, "Distressed Dealers/Workouts/Impaired Assets," Toyota Motor Credit Corporation, March 25, 2014
- Speaker, "Learn How to Handle a Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Case," LACBA, January 26, 2011
- Speaker, "Troubled Asset Management," California Banker's Association conference in Laguna Niguel, CA, April 29, 2010

Webinars

- "Webinar: Don't Give It Away For Free: What Every Vendor Should Know About Bankruptcy," February 28, 2018

Education

Mr. Slate earned his J.D. at University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 1977 and his B.A. at the University of Redlands in 1974.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Community

- Los Angeles County Bar Association (Member of Section on Commercial Law and Bankruptcy)
- State Bar of California (Member of Business Law Section)
- California Bankruptcy Journal (Editor, 2000-current)
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (Member of the Board of Directors, 2000-2003)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Financial Lawyers Conference