

Jennifer A. Smith

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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Automotive; Alternative Lenders



Jennifer Smith focuses her practice primarily on representing financial institutions and corporate clients, specializing in pre- and post-judgment remedies, workouts, and general business-related matters. Ms. Smith is also experienced in unlawful detainer prosecution and defense, and in defending worker's compensation/Labor code 132a claims. She is counsel to more than 70 credit unions throughout California.

Ms. Smith is on the Executive Board of the Fashion Industries Guild of Cedars-Sinai. Ms. Smith also serves on the Board of Directors for the California Credit Union Collector's Council, North Los Angeles Chapter. She speaks regularly at various credit union chapter meetings and conferences on issues of Rees-Levering, vehicle lien laws, garageman's liens, Fair Debt Collections Practices Act (Federal and State), indirect and direct loans, and California's anti-deficiency laws. Ms. Smith also speaks on the enforcement of judgments. Additionally, she presents educational seminars for attorneys on Judgment Debtor Examinations, Writs of Possession, and Writs of Attachment. Ms. Smith co-authored, "When Should You File a Form 1099-C?" *Points & Authorities*, 2000.

Representative Matters

- Counsels bank and credit union clients on obligations under the California and Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and other consumer protection Statutes.
- Counsels financial institution clients on enforcement of judgments, pre- and post- judgment remedies and workouts.
- Successfully represented financial institutions in jury trials and more than 50 bench trials.
- Handles defense of labor code 132a claims for multiple clients in various industries.
- Handles prosecution and defense of unlawful detainer action for both residential and commercial, pre- and post- foreclosure for clients in various industries.

Presentations

- Speaker, "Legal Topics Roundtable, National Credit Union Collections Alliance Annual Conference," The Bellagio Las Vegas , April 17, 2019
- Speaker, "Jennifer Smith, Speaker at California Credit Union Collector's Council," June 21, 2017
- Speaker, "National Credit Union Collections Alliance conference," Las Vegas, March 16, 2017
- Speaker, "Loans from Hell," California Credit Union Collectors Council Conference, April 20, 2016
- Speaker, "The Loan from Hell," California Credit Union Collectors Council, Los Angeles Chapter, December 15, 2015
- Speaker, "What You Need to Know and Do When You Receive a Lien Sale Notice," California Credit Union Collectors Council, Orange County Chapter, December 8, 2015

- Speaker, "Rees-Levering Automobile Sales Finance Act and Garageman's Liens," the Southwest Chapter Meeting for the California Credit Union Collectors Council, October 24, 2013
- Co Speaker, "Bankruptcy Update and 2014 Outlook," the North Los Angeles and Gold Coast Chapter Dinner Meeting for the California Credit Union Collectors Council, October 22, 2013
- Speaker, "the Rees-Levering Automobile Sales Finance Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act," the California Credit Union Collectors Council's Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, August 22, 2013
- Speaker, "Vehicle Financing and Repossessions," the California Credit Union Collectors Council Meeting for the North LA, South LA and Gold Coast chapters in Monterey Park, CA, December 18, 2012
- Co-speaker, "Pre and Post Judgment Alternatives and Remedies," California Credit Union League, April 12, 2011
- Speaker, "Judgment Enforcement in California," Lorman Education Services in Santa Ana, CA , February 4, 2011

Education

Ms. Smith earned her J.D. at Loyola Law School in 1996 and her B.A. in Communications, *cum laude*, at the University of Arizona. She studied law at Oxford University in the summer of 1994 as part of her law school education. Prior to law school, she interned for Vice President Joseph Biden in Washington, D.C.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California