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Jennifer Smith is Senior Counsel in the firm's Litigation Practice Group in Los Angeles. Ms. 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.

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; and
- Handles prosecution and defense of unlawful detainer action for both residential and commercial, pre- and post-foreclosure for clients in various industries.

Ms. Smith 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.

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.

Areas of Practice

Litigation

Industry Specialty

Financial Institutions

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