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Shawn Christianson is the Managing Shareholder of Buchalter Nemer's San Francisco office, Co-Chair of the Insolvency Practice Group and a member of the Firm's Board of Directors. Ms. Christianson focuses her practice on insolvency, receiverships and complex litigation. She represents financial institutions, secured and unsecured creditors, technology companies, receivers and bankruptcy trustees. Her practice spans the state, federal and bankruptcy courts, as well as out of court proceedings and mediation. She argued, at every level from the trial court through the Ninth Circuit, a seminal case on the topic of perfection of security interests in unregistered copyrights, *In re: World Auxiliary Power*.

Ms. Christianson sits on the International Board of Directors as a Director-At-Large and is Immediate Past Co-Chair of the Northern California Network of IWIRC, the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. She has served on several boards and committees including the California Receiver's Forum, the Bay Area Chapter of the California Receiver's Forum, where she also served as Vice President, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum ("BABF"), BABF's Program and Finance Committees and the organizing committee of the California Bankruptcy Forum's Fifth Annual Conference. She was appointed to a three-year term as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and served on the Northern District of California's Local Rules Committee which addressed both the District and Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules. She is a trained mediator and has acted as a Resolution Advocate on the Bankruptcy Dispute Resolution Panel in the Northern District of California since that Panel's creation. She served as both Chair and Vice-Chair of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy section, and was a founding member of the Barrister Club's Speakers Bureau. She is a frequent lecturer and author.

Publications

- "Insolvency: What Every Technology Company Needs to Know About Claims Against Bankrupt Customers And Business Partners," Buchalter Nemer *Tech Industry Bulletin*, March/April 2015
- "Female Powerbrokers Q&A: Buchalter's Shawn Christianson," *Law360*, February 27, 2014
- "Receivership Sales," *California Business Law Practitioner*, Spring 2010
- Co-Author, "Introduction to California Receivership Law," *California Business Law Practitioner*, November 15, 2009
- "Ninth Circuit News: Appellate Court Refines Receiver Appointment Powers Generally and in Diversity Actions," *Receivership News*, Summer 2009
- Co-Author, "Appellate Court Refines Receiver Appointment Powers Generally and in Diversity Actions," *Ninth Circuit News*, 2009
- Co-Author, "Security Interest in Unregistered Copyright Perfected Under UCC Article 9," *Copyright World*, Issue 125, November 2002
- "Stay Tuned: World Auxiliary Power Submitted to Ninth Circuit," Buchalter Nemer *Points & Authorities*, Winter 2002

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Who Will Be There To Turn Off the Lights?" American Bar Association—2015 Business Law Section Spring Program, April 18, 2015
- Speaker, "Language and the Law," University of California, Berkeley, November 25, 2014
- Speaker, "Thunderclouds in the Horizon: What Happens if Your Cloud Provider is Insolvent?" American Bar Association—Business Law Section Annual Meeting, August 5, 2012

- Lecturer, "Language and the Law," UC Berkeley, Introduction to Applied Language Studies, November 22, 2011 and November 21, 2012
- Panelist, "Receivership Sales," California Receivers Forum—Bay Area Chapter, September 22, 2011
- Speaker, "Receivers and Turnarounds: Emphasis On and Comparison With California," TMA Western Region Credit Conference, July 15, 2011
- Speaker, "Preferences and Reclamation Rights in Bankruptcy, or Variations on the Theme of "Give It Back, Now!" Western Region Credit Conference, October 2010
- Speaker, "Nuts and Bolts of Receiverships," Bar Association of San Francisco, March 9, 2010
- Speaker, "Alternatives to Chapter 11," Bar Association of San Francisco, March 10, 2009
- Panelist, "Combining Successful Law Careers with Kids," Hastings Law School, February 4, 2009
- Speaker, "Funding the Estate," California Receivers Forum: Loyola Seminar, January 16, 2009
- Speaker, "Beginning The Journey: Leadership Skills and Career Advice," The Council for Women of Boston College, September 30, 2008
- Speaker, "Receivership Law & Practice," California Receivers Forum: Loyola Seminar, January 16, 2008
- Speaker, "Navigating the Potentially Treacherous Cross-Currents of Executory Contract/Lease Treatment in Chapter 11," San Francisco Bar Association—Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section, July 10, 2007
- Speaker, "After the Default: Litigation Under UCC Article 9," American Bar Association, September 12, 2006
- Speaker, "Receiverships in the New Millennium: Part II," California Receivers Forum, Loyola Law School, October 8, 2004
- Speaker, "IP Financing," American Bar Association, April 3, 2003
- Speaker, "Federal Civil Litigation," Lorman Education Services, February 27, 2003
- Speaker, "Outsourcing in the Consumer Lending Industry: Preparing for the Worst: Salvaging At-Risk Relationships...and What to Do When You Can't-Part III," American Conference Institute, September 30-October 1, 2002

Ms. Christianson is an active participant in numerous community and civic organizations, including having been elected in November 2005 to the Hillsborough City School District's Board of Trustees, and serving as President of that Board in 2009. She currently serves on the Town of Hillsborough's City Council.

Ms. Christianson, who is AV Preeminent rated, has been selected as one of *Northern California's Super Lawyers* every year from 2005 - 2015, as a 2014 San Francisco Top Rated Lawyer and to Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers. Most recently, Ms. Christianson was profiled in the Fall 2014 issue of *Receivership News*.

Ms. Christianson earned her J.D. at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she was on the editorial board of the *Hastings Journal of Communications and Entertainment Law*. She earned her B.S. *magna cum laude* at Boston College.

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