

Benjamin S. Seigel

Los Angeles, California

Of Counsel

P (213) 891-0700

F (213) 630-5676

bseigel@buchalter.com



Benjamin Seigel is Of Counsel in the firm's Financial Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group in Los Angeles. Mr. Seigel has represented numerous types of interests in bankruptcy cases throughout the country. He has represented significant parties in bankruptcy cases including:

- B.U.M. International, Inc. (counsel to exit financier)
- Carter, Hawley, Hale (counsel to largest unsecured creditor and served on creditors committee)
- Converse (special counsel to creditors committee)
- Fedco, Inc. (counsel to property owner and other interests)
- Frederick's of Hollywood (counsel to creditors committee)
- Laykin et Cie (liquidating trustee)
- Orange County (counsel to Orange County Employees' Retirement System)
- Susan J. Powter (counsel to equity group)
- Sambo's Inc. (counsel to landlords)
- Standard Brands Paint Co. #2 (counsel to liquidator)
- TR-3 Industries (counsel to senior secured creditor)
- The Sirena Apparel Group (counsel to creditors committee)
- Teddi of California, Inc. (counsel to senior secured lender)
- Factory 2-U Stores Inc. (counsel to preference defendants)
- Health Plan of the Redwoods (counsel to creditors committee)
- Brotman Medical Center, Inc. (counsel to creditors committee)
- S&B Surgery Center (counsel to creditors committee)

Mr. Seigel has published several articles on the practical aspects of mediation of business disputes and has served as a mediator for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California since 1995. He is the founder and current President of the American Mediation Association, Inc. For the past two years, Mr. Seigel has been honored by the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Central District of California for being the most frequently chosen mediator in the entire Central District and the Los Angeles Division. He was also recognized for settling the most mediation conferences in the entire Central District and in the Los Angeles Division and he has been recognized as a mediation expert by Judicate West. He frequently lectures to accounting firms, financial institutions and other organizations on debtor/creditor topics, including the financial and psychological benefits of resolving disputes through mediation.

Recent Presentations and Publications

- "Should Court Approval Be Required to Engage in Mediation?" *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, May 19, 2015
- "Proposed Rules Embrace Mediation," *Daily Journal*, May 1, 2015.
- "Minimizing the Litigation Risk with Mediation," *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, April 9, 2015
- "Reclamation, Administrative Claims and Other Possibilities for Recovery When a Factor Has Not Approved Orders," *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, April 9, 2015

- “When Your Customer Files Bankruptcy and Your Factor Has not Approved the Orders: Reclamation, Administrative Claims and Other Possibilities for Recovery,” *Buchalter Nemer Points & Authorities*, Fall 2014
- “Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; An Endorsement of Mediation?” *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, November 25, 2014
- Commentary, “Detroit Settlement Model Looms Over Future Chapter 9s,” *Law360*, November 10, 2014
- “Bankruptcy Plan Mediation- A Shortcut to Confirmation,” *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, August 2014
- “Mediation Can Resolve Deadlocks in Business Negotiations,” *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, June 2014
- “Mediation or Meditation: Where the Two Intersect,” *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, April 2014
- “Alternatives to Bankruptcy: 2014 – Update and Related Topics,” *Buchalter Nemer Brown Bag Teleseminar*, March 12, 2014
- “Mediation or Arbitration: What’s the Difference?” *California Apparel News*, January 30, 2014; *Buchalter Nemer Blog*, January 2014
- “Superior Courts Effectively Endorse Mediation,” *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, August 9, 2013
- “Motor City Cruises Into Bankruptcy,” *Buchalter Nemer Client Alert*, July 2013
- “What Accountants Should Know About Receiverships,” Grant Thornton, September 2012
- Co-Author, “Dodd-Frank and Bankruptcy Law,” *BNA’s Bankruptcy Law Reporter*, August 9, 2012; *Points and Authorities*, Spring 2012
- “Why Mediation Works...And Why It Doesn’t: One Mediator’s Perspective,” *Points & Authorities*, Winter 2010/2011
- “Imaginative Solutions in Mediation: Avoiding the Risks of *Clear Channel and Philadelphia Newspapers*,” *Points & Authorities*, Summer 2010
- “Meltdown Mediation,” *Dispute Resolution Magazine*, Winter 2010
- “Staying Alive; Making \$\$\$ in a Down Market,” Fashion Group International, March 26, 2009
- “Contingent Liabilities,” *RMA Journal*, March 2009
- “Alternatives to Chapter 11 After the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA),” California Capital Markets Meeting, September 19, 2008
- “Chapter 11 After BAPCPA: Alternatives Revisited,” *Points & Authorities*, Spring 2007
- “Mediation of Professional Liability Disputes,” County Bar update, March 2006
- “Using Contingent Liability Analysis in the Loan Approval Process,” *RMA Journal*, December 2005-January 2006
- “Valuation of contingent liabilities: some risk management considerations for lenders,” *RMA Journal*, 2005
- “Mediation of Bankruptcy Disputes: An Economic Lesson for Lenders,” *Points & Authorities*, Fall 2004

Mr. Seigel is the founding President and Director of the California Bankruptcy Forum. He is also a Director and former President of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum and past Chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Mr. Seigel is a member of the Financial Lawyers Conference and the American Bankruptcy Institute. He served on the Debtor/Creditor Relations and Bankruptcy Committee of the California State Bar. He was the principal drafter of assignment for benefit of creditors legislation enacted in California in 1992 and 1999. Mr. Seigel is a member of the Executive Board of the California Fashion Association. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Apparel Industries Group of City of Hope and is Chairman Emeritus of the Israel Cancer Research Fund. Mr. Seigel is AV Preeminent rated and a Southern California Top Rated Lawyer by Martindale Hubbell.

As an adjunct instructor at the University of West Los Angeles School of Law and Paralegal Studies, Mr. Seigel taught legal theory and practice, contracts, torts, real property, business planning and bankruptcy. Mr. Seigel served as an officer in the United States Navy from 1958-1961, where he was a trial and defense counsel for Special Courts-Martial.

Mr. Seigel earned his J.D. *cum laude* from the University Of West Los Angeles School Of Law. He received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

Areas of Practice

Insolvency and Financial Solutions
Apparel & Consumer Products
Bankruptcy
Mediation
Workouts and Restructuring

Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Tax Court

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Supreme Court of the United States



BuchalterNemer
A Professional Law Corporation

www.buchalter.com