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Valerie Bantner Peo is an Associate in the Insolvency and Financial Solutions and Litigation Practice Groups in San Francisco. Ms. Bantner Peo has a broad commercial practice with significant experience at the trial and appellate levels in bankruptcy, federal, and state court, as well as mediation. She has represented financial institutions, manufacturers, airports, landlords, and trustees in state and federal court, and in all aspects of bankruptcy reorganization and liquidation, including lease assumptions and rejections, plan confirmation, claim disputes, fraudulent transfers, and preference liability.

### Representative Matters

- Achieved summary judgment on behalf of secured lender in state court litigation and successfully defended against business tort counter-claim at bench trial.
- Pursued fraudulent conveyance claims, preference actions, and substantive consolidation against debtor's numerous affiliated entities on behalf of chapter 11 trustee of grower and processor of vegetable products and handled cross-border insolvency issues to protect and enforce the bankruptcy estate's claims to assets located internationally.
- Represented holders of collateralized debt obligation (CDO) notes in defense of flip clause dispute.
- Secondment with the Port of Oakland Port Attorney's office for litigation matters including commercial lease disputes, evaluating and responding to claims made against the Oakland International Airport, and evaluating agency policies.

### 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.

### Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Clearing the Starting Gate: Maintaining Business Operations During the First 60 Days of Bankruptcy," 2015 California Bankruptcy Forum Conference, May 15, 2015
- Panelist, Young Insolvency Professional's Program, 2015 California Bankruptcy Forum Annual Insolvency Conference, May 15-17, 2014, Napa, CA
- Panel Producer, 2014 California Bankruptcy Forum Annual Insolvency Conference, May 16-18, 2014, Santa Barbara, CA

### Memberships and Community Activities

- Board Member, International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Member, Financial Women of San Francisco
- Symphonix Advisory Council Chair and former President (the San Francisco Symphony's Young Professional League)

### **Clerkship**

Honorable Edward D. Jellen, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California.

### **Education**

Ms. Bantner Peo earned her J.D. at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, *cum laude*, where she was Managing Editor of the *Hastings Law Journal*. She received her B.A. in English Language and Literature from Smith College.

### **Areas of Practice**

Insolvency & Financial Solutions

Bankruptcy

Commercial Litigation

### **Bar Admissions**

California

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court Northern District of California

U.S. District Court Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court Central District of California

U.S. District Court Southern District of California



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