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With a national scope of practice, Mr. Bertrand specializes in litigation, bankruptcy, creditor rights law, intellectual property, trade secrets, unfair business competition, and employment-related claims. Mr. Bertrand earned his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1979, where he also served as the student body president. He holds a B.A. in Political Science with great distinction from the University of California, Berkeley and was on the dean's list while at Berkeley. Admitted to practice in California, Mr. Bertrand represents clients before the U.S. District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Central Districts of California.

With substantial experience representing financial institutions and companies, Mr. Bertrand has been involved in cases related to lender liability actions, interbank disputes, claims involving directors and officers, has successfully defended numerous Ponzi scheme related cases, and also specializes in trade secret cases including related employee raiding cases, and more. He has prepared and participated in specialized programs involving bankruptcy, creditors' rights, provisional and post-judgment remedies, high-tech commercial law, commercial paper, and employment law issues. As a skilled litigator, Mr. Bertrand has been lead counsel in significant trials. For example, he represented a publicly traded heavy equipment manufacturer based in Korea, securing a seven-figure breach of contract and fraud judgment. In another case, he successfully defend-

ed a major semiconductor company in a trade secret theft case, resulting in a complete defense jury verdict. Mr. Bertrand is a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section and has lectured extensively in educational programs for financial institutions throughout the United States. Mr. Bertrand was also one of the co-founders of the Buchalter San Francisco office in 1982 and served as Buchalter's Chairman of the Board for six years and is currently Buchalter's chairman emeritus. He also served as a member of the board of directors multiple times spanning approximately 15 years.

His achievements and recognition in the legal field include being selected as one of America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators since 2020. He received a 2020 Top Lawyer rating by San Francisco Magazine and a 2020 Judicial AV Preeminent rating by Martindale Hubbell. He has been selected as a Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Bankruptcy, Creditor-Debtor Rights, Bank & Finance, and Commercial Litigation by American Lawyer Media in 2013 and 2014. Additionally, Mr. Bertrand has been recognized by Northern California's Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America in various categories since 2005. His commitment to excellence in legal practice is further underscored by awards such as Corporate America's 2016 Legal Elite Award for Best Financial Solutions Practice Group – California and being voted as America's Most Honored Professional by The American Registry.

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