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9 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
10 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
11 **LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

12 In re: ) Lead Case No.: 2:18-bk-20151-ER  
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14 ) Jointly Administered With:  
15 **VERITY HEALTH SYSTEM OF** ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20162-ER;  
16 **CALIFORNIA, INC. et al.,** ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20163-ER;  
17 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20164-ER;  
18 Debtor(s). ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20165-ER;  
19 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20167-ER;  
20 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20168-ER;  
21 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20169-ER;  
22 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20171-ER;  
23 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20172-ER;  
24 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20173-ER;  
25 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20175-ER;  
26 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20176-ER;  
27 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20178-ER;  
28 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20179-ER;  
 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20180-ER;  
 ) Case No.: 2:18-bk-20181-ER

- 29  Affects All Debtors
- 30  Affects Verity Health System of California, Inc.
- 31  Affects O'Connor Hospital
- 32  Affects Saint Louise Regional Hospital
- 33  Affects St. Francis Medical Center
- 34  Affects St. Vincent Medical Center
- 35  Affects Seton Medical Center
- 36  Affects O'Connor Hospital Foundation
- 37  Affects Saint Louise Regional Hospital Foundation
- 38  Affects St. Francis Medical Center of Lynwood Foundation
- 39  Affects St. Vincent Foundation
- 40  Affects St. Vincent Dialysis Center, Inc.
- 41  Affects Seton Medical Center Foundation
- 42  Affects Verity Business Services
- 43  Affects Verity Medical Foundation
- 44  Affects Verity Holdings, LLC
- 45  Affects De Paul Ventures, LLC
- 46  Affects De Paul Ventures – San Jose Dialysis, LLC

Chapter 11 Cases

**APPLICATION OF PATIENT CARE OMBUDSMAN TO EMPLOY LEVENE, NEALE, BENDER, YOO & BRILL L.L.P. AS BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2018; DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF**

Date: November 7, 2018  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Ctrm: 1568  
255 E. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA

Debtors and Debtors In Possession



1 Jacob Nathan Rubin, MD, FAAC, the Patient Care Ombudsman (“PCO”) appointed under  
2 Section 333 of the Bankruptcy Code in the above-referenced chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of the  
3 affected debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, “Debtors”), hereby submits his application  
4 (“Application”) for Court approval of his employment of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill  
5 L.L.P. (“LNBYB”) as bankruptcy counsel, at the expense of the Debtors’ estates, with  
6 compensation determined and paid pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330 and orders of this Court, effective  
7 as of October 1, 2018, the date that LNBYB was first contacted about representing the PCO by the  
8 PCO and the UST.<sup>2</sup> In support of this Application, the PCO hereby alleges as follows:

9 **A. Brief Description Of The Debtors And Their Businesses.**

10 The Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on  
11 August 31, 2018 (“Petition Date”). The Debtors’ cases are being jointly-administered with the  
12 Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed by their affiliated entities under the lead case of Debtor Verity  
13 Health System of California, Inc. (“VHS”). Following the Petition Date, all of the Debtors continue  
14 to operate their businesses and manage their affairs as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Section  
15 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

16 According to the Debtors, VHS, a California nonprofit purchase benefit corporation, is the  
17 sole corporate member of the following five Debtor California nonprofit public benefit corporations  
18 that operate six acute care hospitals, O’Connor Hospital, Saint Louise Regional Hospital, St.  
19 Francis Medical Center, St. Vincent Medical Center, Seton Medical Center, and Seton Medical  
20 Center Coastside (collectively, “Hospitals”) and other facilities in the state of California. Seton  
21 Medical Center and Seton Medical Center Coastside operate under one consolidated acute care  
22 license.

23 VHS, the Hospitals, and their affiliated entities operate as a nonprofit health care system in  
24 the state of California, with approximately 1,680 inpatient beds, six active emergency rooms, a  
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26 <sup>2</sup> While the UST actually filed its Notice and Application for the appointment of Jacob Nathan Rubin, MD, FAAC as  
27 the PCO on October 3, 2018, LNBYB engaged in extensive discussions with both the PCO and the UST on October 1  
28 and October 2, 2018, including the PCO and the UST to formulate the Notice of Appointment and Statement of  
Disinterestedness. As a result, LNBYB submits that the appropriate commencement date of its employment be October  
1, 2018.

1 trauma center, and a host of medical specialties, including tertiary and quaternary care. In 2017, the  
2 Hospitals provided medical services to over 50,000 patients and approximately 480,000 outpatients.  
3 As of the Petition Date, the Debtors had approximately 850 inpatients.

4 Each of the affected Debtors operates one or more of the Hospitals and/or other medical  
5 facilities providing care and services to patients. As a result, each of the Debtors qualifies as a  
6 “health care business” as that term is defined in Bankruptcy Code § 101(27)(A). Under the  
7 Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, a patient care ombudsman  
8 must be appointed in the bankruptcy of a “health care business” to ensure that the medical care  
9 provided to patients is not declining or being materially compromised during the bankruptcy.  
10 Accordingly, on September 24, 2018, the Debtors and the UST entered into a “*Stipulation For*  
11 *Order Directing The Appointment Of A Patient Care Ombudsman Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 333*”  
12 [docket no. 267] agreeing to the appointment of a PCO in the Debtors’ cases. This Stipulation was  
13 approved by an order of the Court entered on September 25, 2018 [docket no. 283].

14 **B. Appointment Of Jacob Nathan Rubin, MD, FAAC As PCO.**

15 Following extensive due diligence and interviews by UST and based on his highly regarded  
16 credentials and substantial experience as a licensed medical doctor and in hospital operations and  
17 management spanning over 30 years, on October 3, 2018, the UST filed its “*Notice Of Appointment*  
18 *Of A Patient Care Ombudsman*” [docket no. 389], and “*Application For Order Approving The*  
19 *Appointment Of Patient Care Ombudsman*” [docket no. 390] (“PCO Application”) pursuant to  
20 which the UST appointed Jacob Nathan Rubin, MD, FAAC, to serve as the PCO in the Debtors’  
21 cases.

22 On October 9, 2018, the Court entered its order approving the PCO Application [docket no.  
23 430].

24 **C. The PCO’s Need And Request To Employ Bankruptcy Counsel.**

25 The PCO requires the assistance of bankruptcy counsel to adequately and efficiently  
26 discharge his duties, understanding the scope of his duties as well as the activities and events of the  
27 cases which are relevant to performing such duties, analyzing, drafting and filing his reports and  
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1 other documents in the Debtors' cases, and with regard to discussions, negotiations., meetings or  
2 Court hearings that relate to his duties as the PCO.

3 The PCO is a licensed medical professional. In order for the PCO to timely and competently  
4 comply with his duties within the relatively small amount of time allotted for him to do so under the  
5 applicable Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule provisions, he must be given an opportunity to  
6 focus primarily on patient care issues without having to spend any significant time on the legal and  
7 procedural aspects of these cases. Having bankruptcy counsel will streamline the PCO's ability to  
8 focus primarily on patient care issues, while facilitating his need to understand the relevant facts  
9 and circumstances of these cases and timely reporting to the Court as to patient care matters.

10 Bankruptcy courts, including courts in this District, routinely authorize patient care  
11 ombudsmen to retain professionals. *See, e.g., In re Plaza Healthcare LLC, et al.*, (Bankr. C.D. Cal.  
12 Case No. 8:14-bk-11335-CB); *In re Synergy Hematology-Oncology Med. Assocs.*, 433 B.R. 316,  
13 318 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2009) (holding a PCO could employ counsel to assist in a health care  
14 bankruptcy case); *In re Fairfax MRI Ctr.*, (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:07-bk-17992 ER); *In re*  
15 *Ehab A. Mohamed Medical Corp., Inc.*, (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 8:08-bk-18104 GM); *In re*  
16 *Kenneth Lawenda OD*, (Bankr. C.D. Cal Case No. 2:08-bk-10796-RN); *Robert W. Hunt, A Medical*  
17 *Corp.*, (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No.: Case 2:11-bk-58228-ER); *Michael M. Kamrava*, (Bankr. C.D.  
18 Cal. Case No. 2:11-bk-62013-TD); *In re Renaissance Surgical Arts At Newport Harbor, LLC*,  
19 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 8:11-bk-19749-SC); *In re Huntington Pointe Surgery Center LLC*,  
20 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 8:08-BK-14237-RK); *In re Pacifica of the Valley Corp.*, (Bankr. C.D.  
21 Cal. Case No. 1:09-bk-11678-MT); *In re Glen Robert Justice & Jane Grace Justice*, (Bankr. C.D.  
22 Cal. Case No. 8:11-bk-26252-CB); *In re OC Neonatal Group Inc.*, (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No.  
23 8:11-bk-25202-MW); *In re Mendocino Coast Health Care District*, (Bankr. N.D. Cal. Case No.  
24 1:12-bk-12753-AJ); *In re Florence Hospital at Anthem*, (Bankr. D. Ariz. Case Nos. 13-03201-  
25 BMW and Case No. 2:18-bk-04537-BMW); *In re Gilbert Hospital, LLC*, (Bankr. D. Ariz. Case  
26 No.14-bk 01451-MCW and Case No. 4:18-bk-04557-BMW); *In Re Primecare Nevada Inc. dba*  
27 *Nye Regional Medical Center*, (Bankr. D. Nev. Case No.: 13-BK20348); *In re Community*  
28 *Healthcare of Douglas, Inc.*, (Bankr. D. Ariz. Case No. 4:13-BK01738-BMW); *see also 3 Collier*

1 on *Bankruptcy*, ¶ 333.05[1], at 333-01 (15th ed. rev. 2006) (“If the healthcare business is large or  
2 complicated, the ombudsman could be expected to retain professionals to assist in the discharge of  
3 the ombudsman’s duties.”).

4 A patient care ombudsman’s duties differ substantially from the interests of any of  
5 the parties in interest, such as the debtor or a committee of creditors. Consequently, a patient care  
6 ombudsman should not be required to rely on counsel for the Debtor or a committee for legal  
7 advice or legal services in carrying out the duties of ombudsman. Thus, in an appropriate case, it is  
8 important that a patient care ombudsman have separate legal counsel to advise on the duties under §  
9 333 and to assist in presentations to the Court pursuant to the statutory requirements. *See Synergy*,  
10 433 B.R. at 319; *see also, In re Renaissance Hosp.-- Grand Prairie, Inc.*, 399 B.R. 442, 448  
11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2008) (“As it is doubtful that every suitable candidate for the ombudsman role  
12 will possess not only the qualifications necessary to ‘monitor the quality of patient care’ but also  
13 the expertise necessary to prepare legal documents and appear in court, it seems clear that Congress  
14 must have anticipated that an ombudsman would, on occasion, have to have the assistance of  
15 counsel.”)

16 **D. LNBYB’s Qualifications, Disinterestedness And Compensation.**

17 **Qualifications.** LNBYB is currently comprised of twenty-three lawyers who specialize in  
18 and limit their practice to matters of insolvency, reorganization and bankruptcy law, and  
19 commercial litigation matters, and, thus, is highly qualified to represent the PCO.

20 Additionally, the lawyers of LNBYB, including Ron Bender and Monica Y. Kim who are  
21 expected to primarily render legal services to the PCO, have been involved in a large number of  
22 healthcare bankruptcy cases in and outside of this District, in a large number of different roles. For  
23 instance, Ron Bender and/or Monica Y. Kim represented the 19 debtors in *In re Plaza Healthcare*  
24 *LLC* (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 8:14-bk-11335-CB), the debtors in *Pleasant Care Corporation et*  
25 *al.* (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:10-bk-12312-EC) (which were two of the largest skilled nursing  
26 facility cases ever filed in this District); the debtor in *Bethel Healthcare, Inc.* (Bankr. C.D. Cal.  
27 Case No. 1:11-bk-11180-GM); the debtor in *Corinthian Sub-Acute & Rehabilitation Center, Inc.*  
28 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 1:11-11185-GM); and the trustee in *In re Ridgecrest Healthcare, Inc.*

1 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:13-33058-DS). In addition, Mr. Bender, Ms. Kim and other lawyers  
2 of LNBYB have represented other debtors, trustees, creditors, buyers, creditors' committees, and  
3 other interested parties in a variety of other health care business cases and cases related to  
4 healthcare businesses. In all of these cases, LNBYB lawyers have worked and interfaced  
5 productively with a number of patient care ombudsman.

6 **Disinterestedness.** As set forth in the annexed declaration, to the best of LNBYB's  
7 knowledge, other than as set forth therein, LNBYB does not hold or represent any interest adverse  
8 to the Debtors or the Debtors' estates, and LNBYB is a "disinterested person" as that term is  
9 defined in Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code. Also, other than as set forth in the annexed  
10 declaration, to the best of LNBYB's knowledge, LNBYB has no prior connection with the Debtors  
11 or their estates, the PCO, the UST or any person employed by the UST.

12 LNBYB is not a creditor, an equity security holder or an insider of the Debtors.

13 LNBYB is not and was not an investment banker for any outstanding security of the  
14 Debtors. LNBYB has not been within three (3) years before the petition date an investment banker  
15 for a security of the Debtors, or an attorney for such an investment banker in connection with the  
16 offer, sale or issuance of any security of the Debtors.

17 Neither LNBYB nor any of its attorneys are, or were, within two (2) years before the  
18 petition date, a director, officer or employee of the Debtors or of any investment banker for any  
19 security of the Debtors.

20 Neither LNBYB nor any of its attorneys are a relative or an employee of the UST or a  
21 Bankruptcy Judge.

22 LNBYB has not shared or agreed to share its compensation for representing the PCO with  
23 any other person or entity, except among its members.

24 As set forth in the annexed declaration, to the best of LNBYB's knowledge, LNBYB does  
25 not hold or represent any interest materially adverse to the interest of the Debtors' estates or of any  
26 class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to,  
27 connection with, or interest in, the Debtors or an investment banker for any security of the Debtors,  
28 or for any other reason.

1            Compensation. LNBYB will seek Court authority to be paid from the Debtors' estates,  
2 including, without limitation, interim payments under any monthly fee payment procedures  
3 approved by the Court (*i.e.*, "Knudsen Order") for any and all fees incurred and expenses advanced  
4 by LNBYB from and after October 1, 2018. LNBYB recognizes that all payments of its earned fees  
5 and expenses will be subject to interim and final approval of the Court after notice and a hearing.

6            LNBYB will bill its time for its representation of the PCO on an hourly billing basis in  
7 accordance with LNBYB's standard hourly billing rates. LNBYB will provide monthly billing  
8 statements to the PCO that will set forth the amount of fees incurred and expenses advanced by  
9 LNBYB during the previous month. LNBYB will seek reimbursement of expenses in accordance  
10 with the rates set forth in the guidelines previously promulgated by the UST. As aforementioned,  
11 the PCO expects that Ron Bender and Monica Y. Kim, will be the primary attorneys at LNBYB  
12 responsible for the representation of the PCO in the Debtors' cases. The current hourly billing rates  
13 for all LNBYB attorneys and paraprofessionals are attached hereto as Exhibit "1." The resumes for  
14 LNBYB's professionals and paraprofessionals are collectively attached hereto as Exhibit "2." For  
15 efficiency purposes, and with their chapter 11 cases jointly administered, LNBYB will bill all of its  
16 fees and expenses incurred in their representation of the PCO to one billing number and request that  
17 the fees and expenses be allocated equally amongst the affected Debtors.

18            LNBYB understands the provisions of 11 U.S.C. Section 330 which require, among other  
19 things, Court approval of the PCO's employment of LNBYB as bankruptcy counsel and of all legal  
20 fees and reimbursement of expenses that LNBYB will receive from the Debtors and the Debtors'  
21 estates.

22            Based on all of the foregoing, the PCO believes that his employment of LNBYB upon the  
23 terms and conditions set forth above is fair, reasonable and warranted under the facts and  
24 circumstances of the Debtors' cases.

25            **WHEREFORE,** the PCO respectfully requests that the Court enter an order (1) approving  
26 this Application, (2) approving the PCO's employment of LNBYB as his bankruptcy counsel, at the  
27 expense of the Debtors' estates, and upon the terms and conditions set forth above, effective as of  
28 October 1, 2018, and (3) affording such other and further relief as is warranted under the

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Dated: October 11, 2018

JACOB NATHAN RUBIN, PATIENT CARE  
OMBUDSMAN.



Jacob Nathan Rubin / myk  
Jacob Nathan Rubin, Patient Care Ombudsman

Submitted by:

LEVENE, NEALE, BENDER, YOO & BRILL L.L.P.

By:           /s/ Ron Bender            
RON BENDER  
MONICA Y. KIM

Proposed Attorneys for Patient Care Ombudsman



**DECLARATION OF RON BENDER, ESQ.**

I, RON BENDER, Esq., hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and, if called to testify, would and could competently testify thereto.

2. I am a founding and managing partner of the law firm of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P (“LNBYB”). I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and before this Court. I have represented hundreds of debtors in chapter 11.

3. I make this Declaration in support of the Application to which this Declaration is attached. Unless otherwise stated, all capitalized terms herein have the same meaning as in the Application.

4. Jacob Nathan Rubin, MD, FAAC has been appointed to serve as the Patient Care Ombudsman (“PCO”) in the Debtors’ cases. As the PCO, he requires the assistance of bankruptcy counsel to adequately and efficiently discharge his duties, understanding the scope of his duties as well as the activities and events of the cases which are relevant to performing such duties, analyzing, drafting and filing his reports and other documents in the Debtors’ cases, and with regard to discussions, negotiations, meetings or Court hearings that relate to his duties as the PCO.

5. The PCO is a licensed medical professional. In order for the PCO to timely and competently comply with his duties within the relatively small amount of time allotted for him to do so under the applicable Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule provisions, he must be given an opportunity to focus primarily on patient care issues without having to spend any significant time on the legal and procedural aspects of these cases. Having bankruptcy counsel will streamline the PCO’s ability to focus primarily on patient care issues, while facilitating his need to understand the relevant facts and circumstances of these cases and timely reporting to the Court as to patient care matters. The PCO has requested LNBYB to serve as his counsel.<sup>3</sup>

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4           Additionally, the lawyers of LNBYB, including me and Monica Y. Kim who are expected  
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16 all of these cases, LNBYB lawyers have worked and interfaced productively with a number of  
17 patient care ombudsman.

18           7.       Disinterestedness. A member of LNBYB who is neither Mr. Bender nor Ms. Kim  
19 is representing a prospective buyer in the Debtors' cases. Additionally, members of LNBYB  
20 generally know the PCO on a non-professional basis. To the best of my knowledge, except as set  
21 forth herein, LNBYB does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors or the Debtors'  
22 estates, and LNBYB is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in Section 101(14) of the  
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10 13. To the best of my knowledge, LNBYB does not hold or represent any interest  
11 materially adverse to the interest of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity  
12 security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in,  
13 the Debtors or an investment banker for any security of the Debtors, or for any other reason.

14 14. **Compensation.** LNBYB will seek Court authority to be paid from the Debtors'  
15 estates, including, without limitation, interim payments under any monthly fee payment  
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4 Debtors.

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6 other things, Court approval of the PCO's employment of LNBYB as bankruptcy counsel and of  
7 all legal fees and reimbursement of expenses that LNBYB will receive from the Debtors and the  
8 Debtors' estates.

9       I declare and verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the  
10 best of my knowledge.

11       Executed on this 11th day of October, 2018, at Los Angeles, California.

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/s/ Ron Bender  
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## **Exhibit 1**

ATTORNEYS2018 Rates

DAVID W. LEVENE	595
DAVID L. NEALE	595
RON BENDER	595
MARTIN J. BRILL	595
TIMOTHY J. YOO	595
GARY E. KLAUSNER	595
EDWARD M. WOLKOWITZ	595
DAVID B. GOLUBCHIK	595
BETH ANN R. YOUNG	580
MONICA Y. KIM	580
DANIEL H. REISS	580
IRVING M. GROSS	580
PHILIP A. GASTEIER	580
EVE H. KARASIK	580
TODD A. FREALY	580
KURT RAMLO	580
JULIET Y. OH	565
TODD M. ARNOLD	565
CARMELA T. PAGAY	565
ANTHONY A. FRIEDMAN	565
KRIKOR J. MESHEFEJIAN	565
JOHN-PATRICK M. FRITZ	565
LINDSEY L. SMITH	495
JEFFREY KWONG	425
PARAPROFESSIONALS	250

## **Exhibit 2**

## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

**DAVID W. LEVENE**, born March 24, 1945, New York, New York. A founding partner of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P.. Business and Professional Experience: July, 1974 to Present, attorney specializing in matters of bankruptcy, insolvency, business reorganization and commercial financing. Education and Honors: University of Southern California, B.S., Business Administration, 1967; University of Southern California, M.B.A., finance and marketing, 1968; Loyola University of Los Angeles, J.D. *magna cum laude*, 1974. Bar Admissions: California, United States District Court for the Southern, Central, Eastern and Northern Districts of California; and U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. Professional Memberships and Associations: Los Angeles County (past member: Executive Committee, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section; Bankruptcy Subcommittee); Past chair of Bankruptcy Section of Beverly Hills Bar Association; Federal and American Bar Associations; The State Bar of California; Financial Lawyers Conference; American Bankruptcy Institute; Commercial Law League of America; and Turnaround Management Association. Guest Lecturer: Frost & Sullivan, Inc., "Loan Workouts, LBOs and Bankruptcy"; The Banking Law Institute, "Loan Workout, Restructure and Bankruptcy"; Drexel Burnham Lambert, "Chapter 11"; Financial Lawyers Conference, "Fraudulent Conveyances"; Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, "Out of Court Reorganizations"; Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, "Restructuring Financially Troubled Businesses"; Jewelers Board of Trade, "Consignment Issues in Bankruptcy"; Turnaround Management Association, "Case Study on Representation of Debtor in Out of Court Workouts and Chapter 11"; National Conference of the Turnaround Management Association, "Gaining Confidence of Lenders and Creditors in Workouts and Restructurings"; Young Presidents' Organization National Conference, "Acquisition and Investment Opportunities in Bankruptcy Reorganization Cases"; The Counselors of Real Estate Convention, "Chapter 11 and the Role of the Real Estate Advisor"; Association of Insolvency Accountants: Valuation Conference, "Valuation Issues in Chapter 11 Cases", Moderator of seminar on "Workouts" sponsored by Orange Country Bankruptcy Forum, "Role of Appraisers in Bankruptcy & Reorganization Cases" presented at convention of American Society of Appraisers, and guest lecturer on "Workouts and Restructuring" presented nationally by Fulcrum Information Services. Twice

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included in annual list of “100 most prominent business attorneys practicing in Los Angeles County” in Los Angeles Business Journal’s annual list of “Who’s Who in Law and Accounting.” Repeatedly listed as a “Southern California Super Lawyer” in annual polls of his peers.

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**DAVID L. NEALE** began his legal career in New York, with the law firm of Kramer, Levin, Nessen, Kamin & Frankel, where he represented creditors and creditors' committees in large, complex cases such as Texaco Inc., LTV Steel and Charter Co. When Mr. Neale relocated to California in 1989, to join the law firm of Levene & Eisenberg, he brought with him an understanding of creditors' rights and remedies that he was able to apply to the representation of debtors and other constituencies in bankruptcy and workout situations.

His broad experience includes handling cases in a variety of areas including: **Manufacturing** (successful Chapter 11 reorganization for companies such as Future Media Productions, a manufacturer of blank CDs and DVDs; California Aircraft & Engines, Inc., a manufacturer of aircraft engine parts with claimants from around the world; DCC Compact Classics, Inc., a manufacturer of specialty CDs and recordings; Fernandes Guitars, a manufacturer of electric and acoustic guitars for distribution around the world); **Food and beverage industry** (Chinois Restaurant, successful Chapter 11 reorganization for a Las Vegas restaurant; Café-Melisse Valencia, successful out-of court workout and orderly liquidation; Galletti Brothers Foods, successful Chapter 11 reorganization for one of the nation's largest fresh seafood wholesalers) Crunchies Food Company, successful Chapter 11 sale of assets of retailer of dried fruit snacks); **Construction** (successful Chapter 11 reorganization for Rock & Waterscape, Inc., builder of water-themed features in Las Vegas and around the world); **Real Estate** (successful Chapter 11 cases for Roosevelt Lofts, LLC, involving a condominium conversion in downtown Los Angeles; North Silver Lake Lodge, LLC, involving one of the last undeveloped parcels of real property in the Deer Valley, Utah ski resort area; IDM Corporation and its affiliates requiring the restructuring of over \$1 billion in debt; and Galletti Brothers Investments, a real estate partnership with multiple properties. He has also represented Ritter Ranch Development, the owner of an 11,000-acre development property in Palmdale; and National Enterprises, Inc. and San Diego Investments, real estate management and development companies with properties across the United States); **Energy** (representing the California Independent System Operator Corporation in connection with the bankruptcy cases of California Power Exchange, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Enron Inc. and Mirant and its affiliates; Evergreen Oil, an oil re-refining company operating throughout California); **Banking and finance** (Imperial Credit Industries, Inc.); **Trucking** (Green Fleet Systems and TKS Leasing, successfully confirming a



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plan of reorganization for a short-haul trucking company operating out of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach; Coast Bridge Logistics, Inc. representing another short-haul trucking company in connection with the sale of its assets; Consolidated Freightways and its affiliates, in which Mr. Neale represented multi-employer pension funds that were the largest creditors and went on to represent the post-confirmation Plan Oversight Committee and serve as special counsel to the Liquidating Trust in certain litigation and appellate matters, and The Penn Traffic Co. and its affiliates, in which Mr. Neale represented certain multi-employer retirement, health and welfare funds); **Health Care** (Solid Landings Behavioral Health and its affiliates, operators of rehab facilities in California, Texas and Nevada); North American Health Care and affiliates (operators of skilled nursing facilities); **Technology and Communication** (WCI Cable, Inc., a fiber optic cable network located in Oregon and Alaska); and **Retail** (successful Chapter 11 cases for Ortho Mattress, Inc., a manufacturer and retailer of bedding products; Britches of Georgetowne, Inc., a clothing retailer with outlets in several states). Mr. Neale has a particular expertise in the **Entertainment Industry**. He has represented clients involved in **publishing** (New Millennium Entertainment, Buzz Magazine); **film exhibition** (Resort Theaters of America); **film production** (Franchise Pictures, LLC and its affiliates); The Samuel Goldwyn Company in connection with its acquisition of Heritage Entertainment); **music** (Even St. Productions, LLC, the owner of rights relating to the catalogue of Sly & the Family Stone) and **artists** (Gladys Knight, Mick Fleetwood, Lynn Redgrave, among others). He has also successfully represented numerous individual Chapter 11 debtors with respect to personal real estate holdings and liabilities and other financial difficulties. Mr. Neale has also represented numerous purchasers, equity interest holders, creditors and official committees in many Chapter 11 cases around the country. This is a small sample of the cases he has handled over his almost 30-year legal career.

Mr. Neale is both an experienced and aggressive litigator whose cases have resulted in over a dozen notable published opinions by the Bankruptcy Court, District Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also brings his negotiating skills to bear as a member of the Mediation Panel for the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York County Bar Association, Century City Bar Association, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Financial Lawyers Conference, Turnaround Management

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Association, and the Commercial Law League of America. He has served on the Board of Directors of the AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Los Angeles division of the American Friends of Hebrew University.

Mr. Neale received his B.A., *summa cum laude* from Princeton University in 1984 and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1987. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1988 and the California Bar in 1989. He was admitted to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1989, and was admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York in 1988. In 1989, he was admitted to the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California. He has also practiced extensively in courts around the country, in venues as diverse as Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Arkansas, Utah, Florida, New York, Delaware and Tennessee.

Mr. Neale is the author of "Bankruptcy and Contractual Relations in the Entertainment Industry – An Overview," *1990 Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook*; "A Survey of Recent Bankruptcy Decisions Impacting upon the Entertainment Industry," *1992–1993 Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook*; "SEC Actions and Stays," *National Law Journal*, 2002; "The Scope and Application of 11 U.S.C. § 1145," American Bankruptcy Institute Bankruptcy Battleground West, 2003, and "Whose Life is it Anyway? Treatment of Unique Assets in Bankruptcy," American Bankruptcy Institute Winter Leadership Conference, 2016. He was featured as a "Mover & Shaker" by *The Deal* magazine in 2006, and has been interviewed several times by, among others, KNX news radio in Los Angeles, *Variety* magazine, *The Hollywood Reporter*, and the *California Real Estate Journal* on bankruptcy topics. He has appeared as a speaker on the following topics before the following organizations:

"Making the Best Better: Lessons From the Battlefield," Turnaround Management Association 6th Annual Spring Meeting, 1998; "Litigation Issues in Bankruptcy," Business Torts – An Introduction and Primer, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, 1998; "There Must Be Fifty Ways to Leave Your Troubles," Turnaround Management Association, 1998; "The Impact of State Court Decisions in Bankruptcy Court," Beverly Hills Bar Association, 2001. He has appeared as a panelist, addressing issues relating to "Bankruptcy in the Dot-Com Economy" and "Licensing Agreements: How to Draft and Enforce Them" for Law.Com Seminars; "Public Company Debtors and the SEC," American Bankruptcy Institute Bankruptcy Battleground West, 2003; "The 2005 Amendments to Bankruptcy Code Sections 546(c) and 547 – The

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Early Returns,” Financial Lawyers Conference, 2008; “Transfers of Intellectual Property,” Southwestern Law School, Bankruptcy in the New Millennium, 2010; “Practicing in the Limelight: Celebrity Bankruptcies,” American Bankruptcy Institute Winter Leadership Conference, 2016, and “Shark Tank,” American Bankruptcy Institute Bankruptcy Battleground West, 2018.

Mr. Neale has consistently been named by *Los Angeles* magazine as one of its 100 “Super Lawyers” in the bankruptcy field, and has been recognized by Chambers & Partners as one of the top practitioners within the bankruptcy/restructuring field in California.

## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

**RON BENDER** is a founding and co-managing partner of the firm. With a large and diverse practice, Mr. Bender has successfully reorganized and sold numerous companies and restructured the financial affairs of many individuals. Mr. Bender is widely regarded as a highly creative, results oriented bankruptcy attorney who is able to tackle complex problems and develop and implement creative solutions. Mr. Bender has repeatedly been listed by "Super Lawyers" as one of the top 100 lawyers in Southern California in regional surveys of his peers. Mr. Bender received his undergraduate degree in Finance from the prestigious Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1986 where he graduated first in his class (B.S., summa cum laude), and then obtained his law degree from Stanford University Law School in 1989. During law school, Mr. Bender served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Lloyd King, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California Bankruptcy Court. Since graduating from law school, Mr. Bender has worked solely in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and business reorganization, and has developed one of the largest bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring practices in Southern California, including the representation of debtors, creditors' committees, creditors, purchasers of businesses, and assignees in the context of assignments for the benefit of creditors. Mr. Bender's incredibly broad Chapter 11 and insolvency debtor experience includes the the representation of [Ironclad Performance Wear](#) (a leading, technology-focused developer and manufacturer of high-performance task-specific gloves and apparel for the "industrial athlete" which was sold for \$25.25 million); representation of [Rdio](#) (a digital music service provider which was sold to Pandora for \$75 million); [Country Villa](#) (one of the largest owners and operators of skilled nursing facilities with annual revenue of more than \$200 million which was sold for \$62 million); [Pebble ABC](#) in a sale to Fitbit for \$20 million; [Jawbone ABC](#) in a sale of its Audio/Jambox line; [Gamma Medica](#) (a manufacturer of imaging systems in the biotechnology field which was sold); [Matterhorn Group](#) (a large manufacturer of novelty ice cream products which was sold); [Fat Burger](#) (a well known chain of hamburger restaurants which were sold); [Westcliff Medical Laboratories](#) (an owner and operator of 170 patient service center laboratories and labs throughout California with \$95 million of annual revenue and 1,000 employees which was sold for \$57.5 million); [LifeMasters Supported Selfcare](#) (a national disease management company with annual revenue of \$80 million which was sold); [Bodies in Motion](#) (a chain of fitness facilities which was sold for approximately \$10

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million); Max Equipment Rental (an equipment rental company which successfully reorganized); Nelson & Associates (a manufacturers' representative in the electrical industry which successfully restructured its debt); Douglas Furniture (a large furniture manufacturer); Padilla Construction (a plastering company which successfully reorganized); Lamas Beauty (a manufacturer of beauty supply products which was sold); Paramount Scaffolding (a large scaffolding rental company which was sold); Alin Party Supply (a retail chain of party supplies which successfully reorganized); Lake San Marcos Resort & Country Club; Krystal Air (an aircraft leasing company which was sold); Pacific High Reach (a large construction equipment rental company which was sold for \$17 million); Krystal Koach (a large manufacturer of limousines and shuttle buses which was sold); Small World Toys (a toy company which was sold for approximately \$16 million); Intervisual (a children's book company which was sold for approximately \$10 million); LightPointe Communications (a manufacturer of wireless networking equipment which successfully reorganized); Nicola (a large olive importer and distributor which successfully reorganized); Krispy Kreme (an owner and operator of Krispy Kreme Doughnut Stores which successfully reorganized); Pleasant Care (an owner and operator of skilled nursing facilities with annual revenue of approximately \$200 million which was sold for approximately \$17 million); Aura Systems (a publicly traded manufacturer of a mobile power generator which successfully reorganized); Sega GameWorks (a retail entertainment based company operating under the name of "GameWorks," with \$60 million of annual revenue, which was sold for approximately \$8 million); Alliant Protection Services (a commercial and residential alarm services company with 16,000 customers, which was sold for \$14.5 million); The Walking Company (a national chain of 101 retail stores selling specialty shoes and footwear, which successfully reorganized involving \$22 million of cash, debt and stock); Shoe Pavilion (a chain of 117 retail stores selling off-price footwear with locations in the Western and Southwestern United States which was sold); Gadzoox Networks (a publicly traded company engaged in the business of providing networking infrastructure for storage and data management, where one division was sold for \$8.5 million and the balance of the company successfully reorganized); State Line Hotel, State Line Casino, Jim's Enterprises (two hotels and casinos located in West Wendover, Nevada known as the State Line Hotel and Casino and the Silver Smith Hotel and Casino, which were sold for \$55 million); Management

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Action Programs (a management consulting firm that successfully reorganized); Easyrider and Paisano Publications (publicly traded publishers of thirteen national magazines, which were sold for \$12.3 million); Clifford Electronics (a manufacturer of automotive aftermarket and original equipment manufacturer security systems and components, primarily for automobiles, with annual sales of \$40 million, which was sold for \$20 million); Chorus Line Corporation and California Fashions Industries (one of the largest apparel companies in the country with annual sales of \$500 million which engaged in a Chapter 11 liquidation); Avus (a distributor of computer systems with sales of in excess of \$100 million, which was sold); A.J. Markets (chain of supermarkets sold for \$5 million); Trancas Town (owner of 35 acres of raw developable land in Malibu, California that successfully reorganized); Association of Volleyball Professionals (professional beach volleyball league sold in Chapter 11); Louise's Trattoria (chain of 16 Italian food restaurants with \$30 million in annual revenue sold in Chapter 11 for \$7 million); Westward Ho Markets (a supermarket chain with \$50 million of annual revenue and \$20 million of debt which was restructured through a confirmed Chapter 11 reorganization plan); Special Effects Unlimited (one of the largest providers of special effects in the movie industry which was restructured through a confirmed Chapter 11 reorganization plan); Santa Barbara Aerospace (a heavy aircraft maintenance facility located at the former Norton Air Force base in San Bernardino, California, which was restructured and sold); Manchester Center (a 1.5 million square foot shopping center in Fresno, California which was sold for \$25 million); Marbella Golf and County Club (a golf and country club located in San Juan Capistrano which successfully reorganized); Southwest Hospital (an acute care hospital located in Riverside which successfully reorganized); Servall Packaging Industries (a contract packaging company which was sold); Polaris Networks (a telecommunications networks and software company which successfully reorganized); and Prestige Products (a distributor of aftermarket automobile accessories which was sold). A sampling of Mr. Bender's representation of creditors' committees includes the representation of the creditors' committee in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Trigem America (a wholly-owned subsidiary of one of the largest computer manufacturers in the world located in Korea whose case is currently pending) and Robinson Golf Holdings (the owner of a large golf resort development project). Mr. Bender has also represented numerous real estate related debtors in chapter 11. Mr. Bender is also one of California's leading lawyers in the arena of assignments for the benefit of creditors.

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**TIMOTHY YOO** specializes in commercial litigation and bankruptcy and is known for resolving difficult issues with creativity and efficiency. He consistently earns the highest marks in peer surveys, including an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell and being designated repeatedly as a “Super Lawyer.” He received his undergraduate degree in business from University of Southern California with honors in 1987 and his law degree from Loyola Law School with full merit scholarship in 1991. He completed a one-year clerkship with the Honorable Lisa Hill Fenning, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California. In March, 1998, he was appointed to the Panel of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustees. He also acts in numerous cases as a Chapter 11 Trustee, Bankruptcy Ombudsman, Liquidating Trustee and Chief Restructuring Officer.



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**MARTIN J. BRILL.** Mr. Brill has devoted his over 35 years of practice exclusively to bankruptcy, insolvency and business reorganizations, with particular emphasis on complex reorganizations of publicly-held companies in a wide range of industries. Mr. Brill's expertise in the interplay between bankruptcy and securities laws has led to the successful reorganization of numerous publicly-held corporations and privately-held corporations desiring to go public, including Prism Entertainment Corporation (involving a reverse merger of the publicly-held film producer, Prism, with a privately-owned video retailer), Geo Petroleum, Inc., (successful Chapter 11 of publicly-held oil and gas company), Video City, Inc., (successful Chapter 11 for video retailer with over 75 locations involving issuance of securities for debt), and American Blood Institute, Inc. (successfully raised over \$1.2 million through complex debtor financing, allowing company to emerge as publicly-held plasma company, SeraCare, Inc.). Mr. Brill also has represented debtors, creditors, trustees, plan proponents, asset purchasers and creditors committees in a wide variety of diverse chapter 11 reorganization cases. For example, Mr. Brill was lead counsel in representing the chapter 11 debtor in Gateway Computer Systems (a multi-store retailer of computers and related equipment), the chapter 11 debtor in Primedex Health Systems, Inc. (successful pre-packaged plan confirmed in less than 45 days for diagnostic imaging company), 360 Global Wine Company and 360 Viansa, LLC (publicly held holding company and its operating wholly-owned subsidiary in the winery business in Sonoma, California), Agua Dulce Vineyards, LLC (operating vineyard and winery in Los Angeles County), Copper King Mining Corporation and Western Utah Mining Company (public holding company and its wholly-owned operating subsidiary in the copper mining business), as well as the chapter 11 debtors in the hospital reorganization cases for Chino Valley Medical Center, Canyon Ridge Hospital, Lincoln Hospital Medical Center and the official creditors committees in Fields Aircraft Spares, Inc. (aircraft parts distributor), New Star Media, Inc. (publishing company), Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital (hospital), Daewoo Motor America, Inc. (Daewoo automobile distributor in the U.S.), Intercare Health Systems, Inc., Vista Hospital Systems, Inc. and Downey Regional Medical Center (hospitals), Ronco Corporation and Ronco Marketing Corporation (consumer products and marketing), and T-Asset

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Acquisition Corporation and its related entities (the owner of the *Terminator* film franchise). In addition, Mr. Brill has also handled numerous out-of-court workouts and restructurings, including the successful out-of-court debt restructuring for Carolco Pictures, Inc. Mr. Brill was admitted to the California Bar in 1972. His educational background is as follows: University of California at Los Angeles (B.A., *cum laude*, 1969; J.D., 1972). Associate Editor U.C.L.A. Law Review, 1971-1972. Co-Author: "Collective Bargaining and Politics in Public Employment," 19 U.C.L.A. Law Review 887, 1972. He is a member of the State Bar of California and a member of the Beverly Hills, Century City, Los Angeles County (Member, Sections on: Commercial Law; Bankruptcy) and American Bar Associations. He is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association (Chairman from 2002-2003) and served on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. He is a member of the Financial Lawyers Conference and has lectured to various trade groups and bar associations on bankruptcy and related topics.

## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

**DAVID B. GOLUBCHIK**, born Kiev, Ukraine, January 10, 1971; admitted to bar 1996, California. Education: University of California, Los Angeles (B.A. 1992), Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D., 1996). Vice Chairman, Moot Court Board; Vice Magistrate, Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity; American Jurisprudence Award in Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy. In addition to the State Bar of California, admitted to the U.S. District Court, Central, Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of California. Law Clerk to the Honorable Thomas B. Donovan, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California (1996-1997). Member, American, California and Los Angeles Bar Associations, American Bankruptcy Institute (Board of Advisors), Financial Lawyers Conference, Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum and Beverly Hills Bar Association (Executive Committee). Practice emphasizes bankruptcy, corporate insolvency and creditors' rights. Language: Russian.

Articles written by David Golubchik include: "Representing Closely Held Corporations in Bankruptcy: The Ethical Dilemma," Commercial Lawyers' Association Conference, November 1999; "Bankruptcy Law – A Debtor's Press Release," National Law Journal, May 29, 2000; "Taking a Piece of the Action in Bankruptcy," Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum Conference, June 6, 2000; "Bankruptcy Law – Unwinding Settlements," National Law Journal, October 23, 2000; "Bankruptcy Law – Involuntary Proceedings," National Law Journal, February 2, 2004; "The Rights Of A Lessee In A Lessor's Bankruptcy: Section 365(h) Of The Bankruptcy Code," Los Angeles Country Bar Association, Real Estate Subsection, March 25, 2004; and "Defending Nondischargeability Actions in Bankruptcy," Public Counsel, 2002-2004; "Outlooks and Strategies For Distressed Commercial Real Estate Loans," Grubb and Ellis presentation, May 14, 2009; "Chapter 11 Focus: Small Business and Single Asset Real Estate Cases," Los Angeles Country Bar Association, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Subsection, January 27, 2010.



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### EDUCATION

University of Maryland (B.A., 1971)  
University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., 1974)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland, 1974  
California, 1976

Gary E. Klausner joined LNBYB as a senior partner in May 2014, from a senior shareholder position at Stutman, Treister & Glatt P.C. Mr. Klausner has exclusively practiced in the field of corporate restructuring and bankruptcy since 1976.

Mr. Klausner represents Chapter 11 debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees, trustees and receivers, licensors and franchisors, purchasers of assets out of bankruptcy cases and parties involved in litigation and appeals in connection with bankruptcy cases. He has handled cases involving a broad range of businesses and industries including manufacturing, retail, real estate development, hospitality and restaurants, aerospace, entertainment, health care, financial institutions, and transportation.

Mr. Klausner also has expertise in Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code, which is designed for the reorganization of municipalities. He currently chairs the American Bar Association's Chapter 9 Subcommittee.

Mr. Klausner's significant engagements as debtor's counsel include: Meruelo Maddux Properties, Inc. (Special Reorganization Counsel); Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc.; Colorep, Inc., International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501, Mr. Gasket Co.; Prism Entertainment Corporation; Packaging Corporation of America; Super Shops, Inc.; Cannon Pictures; Maguire Thomas Partners, Fifth & Grand, Ltd.; ABC International Traders, Inc.; Maxicare and Watts Health Foundation, Inc., dba UHP Healthcare.

Mr. Klausner was the lead lawyer in the Chapter 9 case of Valley Health System, in which he successfully confirmed a Chapter 9 Plan of Adjustment.

Mr. Klausner has represented creditors' committees in cases such as Consolidated Freightways, New Meatco, Westward Ho Markets, Naki Electronics, Prime Matrix, The Movie Group, American Restaurant Group ("Black Angus"), and Solidus Networks, Inc. Mr. Klausner has also represented principals involved in significant chapter 11 cases, such as EZ Lube; Rachel Ashwell Design, Inc. ("Shabby Chic"); and Comic Book Movies LLC.

In addition to client matters, Mr. Klausner has been actively involved and has held prominent positions in local and national professional organizations and bar associations. Mr. Klausner is a member of the Board of Governors of the Financial Lawyers Conference and served as its President



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### Honors and Recognitions

Selected, Super Lawyers (Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights) 2004-12  
Selected, Southern California's Best Lawyers in America, 2011-12

### Publications/Press

"Section 1111(b) " Look Before You Leap," 2 Bankruptcy Study Group Journal 15 (1986)  
"Chapter 11 'The Bank of Last Resort,'" The Business Lawyer, November, 1989; Vol. 45, No. 1  
"The New Bankruptcy Rules," 4 Bankruptcy Study Group Journal 64 (1987).

### Speaking Engagements

Panelist, "Bank Holding Company Bankruptcies," ABI Battleground West, 2012  
Panelist, "Municipal Bankruptcies," ABI Battleground West, 2011  
Panelist, "Municipal Bankruptcies," ABA Fall Meeting Business Law Section, 2010

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from 1993 through 1994. He is a Board member of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (serving as its President in 2003-2004), a member of the American Bar Association, Section on Business Law, where he chaired a task force on The Economics of Chapter 11 Practice, chaired the Subcommittee on Bankruptcy Fraud, Crimes and Abuse of the Bankruptcy Process and currently chairs the Chapter 9 Subcommittee. He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, where he has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section as well as being Vice-Chair of the Section's Bankruptcy Committee.

In 2010, Mr. Klausner was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, and in 2012, Mr. Klausner was recognized as "Bankruptcy Lawyer Of The Year" by the Century City Bar Association.

Mr. Klausner has also served as a Lawyer Representative to The Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and currently chairs the United States District Court Standing Committee On Attorney Discipline.

Mr. Klausner speaks frequently on subjects involving bankruptcy and commercial law and has published numerous articles on bankruptcy-related topics.

He is a member of the bar of the states of California and Maryland, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Central District of California.

Mr. Klausner received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1974, where he served on the editorial staff of the University of Maryland Law Review from 1972-3. He received his B.A. from the University of Maryland in 1971.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Financial Lawyers Conference (President, 1993 -1994; Member of the Board of Governors)  
Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum (President in 2003-2004)  
American Bar Association (Section on Business Law, Chair of the Subcommittee on Bankruptcy Crimes, Fraud and Abuse, 2005)  
Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (2007-2009)  
United States District Court, Central District, Standing Committee on Attorney Discipline, Chair 2011-Present  
American Bar Association Section on Business Law, Chair of the Subcommittee on Chapter 9, 2011-Present  
Honors and Recognitions  
Selected, Super Lawyers (Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights) 2004-12  
Selected, Southern California's Best Lawyers in America, 2011-12

### KEY REPRESENTATIONS

#### Debtor Representations

Colorep, Inc.  
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501  
St. Tropez Capital, Inc.  
Mr. Gasket Co.  
Prism Entertainment Corporation  
Packaging Corporation of America  
Super Shops, Inc.  
Maguire Thomas Partners, Fifth & Grand, Ltd.  
ABC International Traders, Inc.  
Maxicare, HMO  
Watts Health Foundation, Inc., dba UHP Healthcare, HMO  
Valley Health System, Healthcare District  
Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc.  
Mereulo Maddux Properties, Inc

#### Committee Representations

New Meatco  
Consolidated Freightway  
Westward Ho Markets  
Naki Electronics  
Prime Matrix  
Stan Lee Media  
American Restaurant Group, Inc

#### Significant Creditor/Party In Interest Representations

Cannon Pictures, Inc.  
Georgia Pacific Corporation  
Cal Worthington  
Columbia Tristar  
Fox Family Worldwide  
MCI Telecommunications Corporation  
Paramount Pictures  
Saban Entertainment  
Sony Pictures, Inc.  
The Walt Disney Company  
Victor Valley Community Hospital  
Rachel Ashwell Design, Inc  
EZ Lube, Inc



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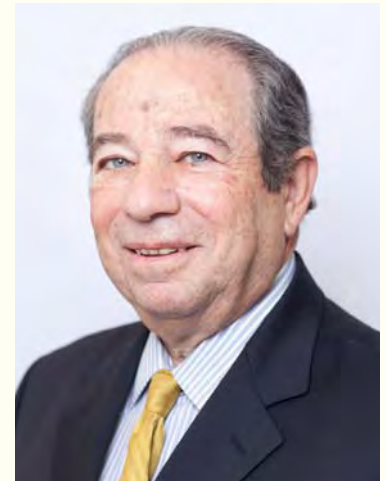
**EDWARD M. WOLKOWITZ** has focused on the areas of insolvency and commercial law during more than 30 years of practice. He has represented debtors, creditors, trustees, receivers and creditors committees in a wide variety of cases. He also serves as a chapter 11 and chapter 7 panel trustee in the Central District of California and as a receiver for the Los Angeles Superior Court. He has extensive experience in representing various interests in complex reorganization cases in a number of different and diverse industries and has also operated a number of businesses as a trustee and receiver. He has been involved in a number of cases that have made new law or clarified existing law in the Ninth Circuit, including: Wolkowitz v. FDIC, 527 F. 3d 959 (9th Cir. 2008); Wolkowitz v. Beverly, 551 F. 3d 1092 (9th Cir. 2008); In re Sylmar Plaza, LP, 314 F.3d 1070 (9th Cir. 2002); Wolkowitz v. American Research Corporation, 131 F.3d 788 (9th Cir. 1999); In re Moses, 167 F.3d 470 (9th Cir. 1999); Wolkowitz v. Shearson Lehman Bros., 136 F.3d 655, cert. denied, 525 U.S. 826 (1998); In re Cheng, 943 F.2d 1114 (9th Cir. 1991); In re Qintex Entertainment, 950 F.2d 1492 (9th Cir. 1991); In re WLB\_RSK Venture, 296 B.R. 509 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2003).

Mr. Wolkowitz was on the faculty of Southwestern University Law School from 1978 to 1994, rejoining the faculty in 2001, teaching courses in bankruptcy, commercial transactions and business reorganization. He has also lectured extensively for the California Continuing Education of the Bar, and as a panelist in programs sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, and the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Between 1994 and 2002, he served as a member of the City Council of Culver City, California, including two one-year terms as Mayor of Culver City.

Mr. Wolkowitz was admitted to the California Bar in 1976. His educational background is as follows: California State University, Northridge , (B.A., 1971); Southwestern University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1975); The University of Michigan Law School (LL.M., 1976). His publications include: "Debtors Have New Weapons Against Involuntary Bankruptcy," *Journal of Corporate Renewal* 12 (December 2007); "Bankruptcy and Family

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**MONICA YOUNG KIM** was admitted to the California Bar in 1995, after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley (B.A., 1991) and Hastings College of the Law (J.D., 1995). She was a Law Clerk to the Honorable Jane Dickson McKeag, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of California, 1995-96. Ms. Kim has worked solely in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and business reorganization, and commercial and real estate transactions, representing debtors, creditors' committees, creditors, sellers, and purchasers. She joined Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P. in 1996, and became a partner in 2004.

Ms. Kim is also involved in out-of-court restructuring transactions, including assignments for creditors, representing sellers/assignors, assignees and buyers. Her experience has included representation in retail, healthcare, entertainment, manufacturing, real estate, service and technology. She has been named to the "Rising Star" listing of Southern California attorneys each year since 2005, in annual surveys of her peers. Ms. Kim is a member of the American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Century City Bar Association, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, and the Korean American Bar Association, and is admitted to the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California.



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**PHILIP A. GASTEIER'S** more than 30 years of practice has included a broad range of bankruptcy and insolvency representation, including Chapter 11 debtors, trustees in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 cases, creditors, committees, buyers, landlords and parties to executory contracts, with particular emphasis on complex reorganizations and structuring transactions.

In his first decade of practice in Philadelphia, Mr. Gasteier successfully represented landlords and purchasers of leasehold interests in large cases such as Food Fair and Lionel, and participated in preparation of materials for presentation to Congress in connection with hearings leading to the Shopping Center Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code in 1984. He counseled extensively in connection with insolvency and bankruptcy aspects of commercial leases for shopping centers and retail chains, and authored "Shopping Centers As Utilities Under the Bankruptcy Code," *Shopping Center Legal Update*, Summer, 1983. Mr. Gasteier also provided insolvency counseling in connection with bond and other securities transactions. Mr. Gasteier was involved in representation of creditor or equity committees in matters including Franklin Computer, Manson-Billard Industries and Monroe Well Service, Inc. Debtor representation included Motor Freight Express, a multi-state motor carrier, and Dublin Properties.

Mr. Gasteier's practice in Los Angeles has included entertainment and other intellectual property matters, such as Fries Entertainment, Inc., Qintex Entertainment, Inc., and Hal Roach Studios, Inc. where he was primarily responsible for structuring and confirming chapter 11 plans, as well as representation of Carolco Pictures, Inc. and Paramount Studios. He has provided specialized insolvency counseling and litigation support in connection with numerous transactions, licenses and other entertainment contracts. Mr. Gasteier argued In re: Qintex Entertainment, Inc., 950 F.2d 1492 (9th Cir. 1991) to the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, a principal case establishing the executory contract analysis applicable to copyright licenses, and determining that participation rights constitute unsecured claims. Other debtor representation has included Currie Technologies Inc.; Wavien, Inc.; Ocean Trails L.P.; Superior Fast Freight, Inc.; and B.U.M.

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International, Inc. Mr. Gasteier has been involved in creditor committee representation in cases such as House of Fabrics, California Pacific Funding, Ltd., Condor Systems, Inc. and Chase Technologies, Inc.

Mr. Gasteier is a graduate of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania (J.D. 1977) and the Ohio State University (B.A. 1974). He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1977 and to the California Bar in 1987. He is also a member of the bar of the United States District Court, Central, Eastern and Northern Districts of California; the U.S. District Court, Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania, and the Ninth and Third Circuit Courts of Appeals. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the American Bar Association, the State Bar of California, the Century City Bar Association, the Financial Lawyers Conference and the Los Angeles County Bar Association, where he served as a member of the Bankruptcy Sub-Committee of the Section on Commercial Law and Bankruptcy from (1990-1992). He has been active in civic affairs, and is a past President (2008-2009), Vice President (2006-2008) and Board Member (2004-2009) of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, an official body of the City of Los Angeles.

## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

**DANIEL H. REISS**, a partner at Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P. (“LNBYB”), has specialized in the area of bankruptcy and insolvency for over two decades. Before entering the legal field, Mr. Reiss started his professional career at KPMG (then Peat, Marwick and Mitchell) and became a Certified Public Accountant specializing in tax structuring in mid-market and entrepreneurial businesses. Mr. Reiss graduated from California State University, Northridge, summa cum laude, B.S., Business Administration in 1984. Mr. Reiss’s business education and background is of significant importance in dealing with the complex financial issues facing distressed business situations.

Armed with practical business knowledge, Mr. Reiss decided to pursue a career in law and graduated in 1990 from Loyola University Law School where he was a staff writer and notes editor of the Law Review, president of Phi Delta Phi legal honor fraternity, and was a member of the St. Thomas More Honor Society.

Mr. Reiss joined LNBYB in November 2000. Mr. Reiss is a member of the executive committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, and is a member of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, Financial Lawyers Conference and the Los Angeles County Bar Association. He was honored in as a “Super Lawyer” 2006, 2007, and 2010 “Super Lawyer” in a region-wide survey, an honor bestowed on only 5% of Southern California attorneys.

Mr. Reiss’s bankruptcy experience extends to cases and distressed situations involving public utilities, healthcare, retail, aviation, hospitality, real estate, bio-tech and general manufacturing. Mr. Reiss regularly represents debtors, creditor committees, secured creditors, bankruptcy trustees and buyers of distressed assets and companies. Mr. Reiss is a frequent speaker before trade and legal groups, and is a nationally published author on bankruptcy issues.



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Mr. Reiss's published articles include:

"Bankruptcy Battlegrounds in Franchising", Franchise Law Insider, 3rd Quarter 2005

"Assignment of Leases", National Law Journal, Winter 2006

"Travelers Cas.' Part II", National Law Journal, Winter 2007.

"Single-Asset Real Estate", National Law Journal, Summer 2008.

"D&O Moves to the Forefront in Bankruptcy Cases", National Law Journal, Summer 2009.

"Protecting Interests in the Event of Tenant Bankruptcies", National Law Journal, Spring 2010.

Mr. Reiss's speaking engagements include:

"Franchise Issues in Bankruptcy", Spring, 2004, Franchise Business Network.

"Hostile Takeovers in Bankruptcy Cases", Credit Managers Association.

"Bankruptcy Battlegrounds in Franchising", Fall, 2009, Southern California Franchise Business Network.

"Directors and Officers Litigation in Bankruptcy", Spring, 2008, Turnaround Management Association and Beverly Hills Bar Association.

"Healthcare Business Bankruptcies", Spring 2009, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Healthcare Law and Commercial Law And Bankruptcy Sections

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**TODD A. FREALY**, a partner of the firm, represents Chapter 7 trustees throughout Southern California in all aspects of case administration and litigation. Mr. Frealy also represents banks, landlords and other creditors in contested Chapter 11 cases and adversary proceedings. Mr. Frealy is a graduate of Southwestern University School of Law (J.D. 1998) and the University of California, Los Angeles (B.A. 1995). During law school he was an extern to the Honorable Mitchel R. Goldberg and Honorable Arthur M. Greenwald, U.S. Bankruptcy Judges for the Central District of California. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable David N. Naugle, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Central District of California, Riverside Division (1998-2000). Mr. Frealy is a member of the Board of Directors for the Inland Empire Bankruptcy Forum and was formerly a member of the Southwestern University School of Law Alumni Board of Directors (September 2006 to June 2009). He is also a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. In 2009 and 2010, Mr. Frealy was recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1998, and is admitted to the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California.

Articles written by Mr. Frealy include: "Dazed and Confused", *California Bankruptcy Court Reporter*, Vol. 4, No. 3, March 2000 (Dischargeability of student loans and the "undue hardship test"); "Finding the Key", *California Bankruptcy Court Reporter*, Vol. 4, No. 6, June 2000 (How to Setoff Mutual Debts in Bankruptcy). In February 2010, Mr. Frealy appeared as a speaker at Southwestern Law Review's symposium on "Bankruptcy in the New Millenium".



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## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

**IRV M. GROSS** has practiced law in California for over 30 years. After graduating from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1968 (B.A., *Cum Laude*), Mr. Gross attended law school at Boalt Hall, University of California at Berkeley (J.D., 1972). After graduation from law school, Mr. Gross served as the law clerk for the Hon. Robert Firth, Judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Following his clerkship, Mr. Gross joined the Los Angeles law firm of Simon & Sheridan, a firm prominent for its expertise in federal litigation. After becoming a partner at Simon & Sheridan, Mr. Gross joined Robinson, Wolas & Diamant, a highly regarded Los Angeles law firm specializing in insolvency and creditors' rights, and eventually became the head of the firm's litigation department. Mr. Gross' litigation practice has always been broad-based: he has represented individuals and major corporate clients, including McKesson Corp., Chicago Title Insurance Company, 20th Century Fox Corp., Interstate Bakeries Corp., Nutro Products, Inc. and Allstate Financial, in business, commercial, real estate and employment litigation, including jury and non-jury trials. These include a successful eight-week jury trial in the Los Angeles Superior Court representing former bank directors sued for breach of fiduciary duty, and a successful two-week jury trial in the United States District Court defending a Fortune 100 company in a wrongful termination case. A significant part of Mr. Gross' practice involves the representation of bankruptcy trustees, chapter 11 debtors, and creditor committees and individual creditors in insolvency litigation, such as Mr. Gasket (public company in the automotive parts industry), Qintex Entertainment, Inc. (public company in the entertainment industry) and Condor Systems, Inc. (public company in the defense industry). Mr. Gross has also represented the prevailing parties in appeals in both state and federal courts. His published decisions include In re Rossi, 86 B.R. 220 (9th Cir. BAP 1988); First Pacific Bancorp, Inc. v. Bro, 847 F.2d 542 (9th Cir. 1988); In re Qintex Entertainment, Inc., 950 F.2d 1492 (9th Cir. 1991); Bergman v. Rifkind & Sterling, Inc., (1991) 227 Cal.App.3d 1380; In re Qintex Entertainment, Inc., 8 F.3d 1353 (9th Cir. 1993); In re Advent Management Corp., 178 B.R. 480 (9th Cir. BAP 1995); American Sports Radio Network, Inc., et al. v. Krause, 546 F.3d 1070 (9th Cir. 2008). Mr. Gross is a member of the Litigation and Prejudgment Remedies sections of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the Litigation section of the American Bar Association. Mr. Gross has also served as a judge pro tem of the Los Angeles Superior Court.



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**TODD M. ARNOLD** has been with LNBY&B since 2003. Mr. Arnold specializes in corporate and high net worth individual reorganizations and bankruptcy litigation. Mr. Arnold has served as counsel in several major reorganization cases and in hundreds of avoidance actions. Mr. Arnold joined LNBRB after serving as an extern and a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas B. Donovan, United States Bankruptcy Judge. He has been voted a "Rising Star" in a poll of his peers in Southern California each year since 2006. A native of Sacramento, Mr. Arnold graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.A. in English and Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, *cum laude*, with a Juris Doctor degree and as a member of the Order of the Coif.



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**ANTHONY A. FRIEDMAN** specializes in the representation of debtors in reorganizations and liquidations and Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Trustees, bankruptcy litigation, State Court litigation, and creditors committees. Mr. Friedman is admitted to practice before all the Courts of the State of California, the United States District Court, Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Friedman received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of La Verne School of Law in 1999 and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at San Diego in 1992. Prior to joining Levene Neale Bender Yoo & Brill LLP, Mr. Friedman was a judicial extern for the Honorable Kathleen Thompson, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Central District of California, an associate at Weinstein, Eisen & Levine, an associate at Weintraub & Aver, LLP, and most recently at Moldo Davidson Fraioli Seror & Sestanovich LLP. Mr. Friedman is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, the California Bankruptcy Forum, the Financial Lawyer's Conference, the Commercial Law League of America, the Beverly Hills Bar Association and the San Fernando Valley Bar Association. Mr. Friedman is also a volunteer in the Public Counsel Law Center Bankruptcy pro bono project.



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**KURT RAMLO**, a Los Angeles native, provides restructuring advice to business organizations facing financial distress. His practice includes guiding organizations through out-of-court and chapter 11 reorganizations, as well as related transactions and litigation. He routinely provides advice on structuring cutting-edge transactions on behalf of public and private debtors, foreign representatives, receivers, shareholders, plan sponsors, third-party acquirers, secured and unsecured creditors, creditors' committees and post-petition lenders, as well as other restructuring professionals. A former Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Ramlo also has extensive trial and commercial litigation experience in bankruptcy and federal district courts. His representative chapter 11 matters include advising the debtors in NexPrise, Inc.; Hingham Campus; Minor Family Hotels; Delphi Corporation; Refco; Blue Bird Body Company (prepackaged plan); Friedman's Jewelers; First Virtual Communications; Kmart Corporation; ZiLOG, Inc. (prepackaged plan); Stone & Webster; Wilshire Center Marketplace (Ambassador Hotel); Washington Group; and Furr's Supermarkets; the foreign representatives in Flightlease Holdings and SunCal; the receiver in private equity management group; equity stockholders or plan sponsors in Charter Communications; Crescent Jewelers; Oregon Arena Corporation; Old UGC; and Clift Holdings (The Clift Hotel); asset purchasers and bidders in Medical Capital Holdings; Variety Arts Theatre; Chef Solutions Holdings; People's Choice Financial Corporation; Sun World; The Walking Company; Centis; and iSyndicate; estate professionals in General Growth Properties and Leap Wireless; and creditors in Cocopah Nurseries; One Pelican Hill North, L.P.; McMonigle Residential Group; Contessa Premium Foods; LBREP/L-Lehman SunCal Master I, LLC; Phoenix Coyotes; GTS 900 F (Concerto); Cupertino Square; American Home Mortgage; Trump Casinos; Consolidated Freightways; Loral Space & Communications; Leap Wireless; DirecTV Latin American; Northwestern Corporation; Airwalk; Centis; Regal Cinemas; eToys; Excite/At Home Corporation; Paracelsus Healthcare; and the creditors' committee in Hamakua Sugar Company. Litigation matters include CanAm Capital Holdings (Ponzi scheme fraudulent transfer action); Lyondell Chemical (New York LBO fraudulent transfer action); Linens N Things (preference); patent holder (obtaining stay pending appeal of \$112 million judgment); S&W Bach (New York fraudulent transfer action); One Pelican Hill North (California lender liability); Lost Lakes (Washington lender liability); satellite dish provider (piracy and dischargeability); Prium (lender liability); Spansion, Inc. (transfer pricing dispute); Delphi (Michigan state tax litigation; vendor litigation); Refco (Swiss securities litigation); Old UGC (\$3.7 billion breach of merger action); Airwalk (debt recharacterization trial);

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various action representing the United States (Medicare fraud and dischargeability; surety bond enforcement; loan and guaranty enforcement; wrongful foreclosure litigation; enforcement of criminal fines and restitution orders). Published decisions issued in matters litigated by Mr. Ramlo include United States Pac. Ins. Co. v. United States Dep't of Interior, 70 F. Supp. 2d 1089 (C.D. Cal. 1999); Secretary of HUD v. Sky Meadow Assoc., 117 F. Supp. 2d 970 (C.D. Cal. 2000); Yunis v. United States, 118 F. Supp. 2d 1024 (C.D. Cal. 2000); and United States Dep't of Educ. v. Wallace (In re Wallace), 259 B.R. 170 (C.D. Cal. 2000).

He is a co-author of "American Bankruptcy Reform and Creativity Prompt the In re Blue Bird Body Company One-Day Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization," International Corporate Rescue, Kluwer Law International (London) (December 2006), included in Expedited Debt Restructuring: An International Comparative Analysis, Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal ed., Kluwer Law International (The Netherlands) (2007). In 1993, Mr. Ramlo obtained his law degree from the University of California, Davis and in 1990 a Bachelor of Music degree, with a concentration on music performance on bassoon, from California State University, Northridge.



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## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

**EVE H. KARASIK** is a business restructuring and bankruptcy attorney who focuses her practice on the representation of business entities in a variety of industries. In addition to representing corporate debtors, Ms. Karasik has represented creditors' committees, equity committees, post-confirmation liquidating trusts and Bankruptcy Code section 524(g) trusts, and significant creditors and litigation parties in cases pending around the country. She began her legal career at Stutman, Treister & Glatt P.C., a nationally-recognized bankruptcy boutique where she practiced until May 1, 2014 when the firm had to close its doors. She spent one year thereafter managing the Los Angeles office of Gordon Silver, a multi-practice firm with primary offices in Nevada.

Ms. Karasik has a breadth of experience representing entities in wide variety of industries, with significant expertise in gaming, retail, and the food and beverage industry, among others. Some of her Debtor representations of note include: Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc. (San Diego, CA, *Bank Holding Company*), Utah 7000, LLC, et al (Salt Lake City, UT, *Luxury Real Estate Development*), Resort at Summerlin, et al (Las Vegas Nevada, *Gaming*); Gold River Hotel & Casino, et al (Las Vegas, Nevada, *Gaming*), Falcon Products, Inc., et al (St. Louis, MO, *Furniture Manufacturer*), Clark Retail Group, et al (Chicago, IL, *Gas Station and Convenience Stores*), MJ Research, Inc. (Reno, NV, *Bio Tech*), Cell Pro, (Seattle, Washington, *Bio Tech*); and U.S. Aggregates, Inc., et al (Reno, NV, *Mining*). Her creditor and equity committee representations include Circus and Eldorado Joint Venture, et al. (Reno, NV, *Gaming*), Riviera Holdings Corporation, et al. (Las Vegas, NV, *Gaming*), Eurofresh, Inc., et al (Phoenix, AZ, *Food Producer and Distributer*), USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund (Las Vegas, NV, *Real Estate Investment Fund*), Aladdin Gaming, Inc. (Las Vegas, NV, *Gaming*), New Meatco Provisions, LLC. (Los Angeles, CA, *Protein Distributor*) and Amerco (Reno, NV, *Retail/Trucking*).

Ms. Karasik has also served as counsel to the Trustee in the Securities Investor Protection Corporation liquidation proceeding of W.S. Clearing, Inc. (Los Angeles, CA, *Securities Clearinghouse*), counsel to the Examiner in the Fontainebleau Las Vegas Holdings, LLC., et al. (Miami, FL, *Gaming*), and counsel to the J.T. Thorpe Settlement Trust, the Thorpe Insulation Company Settlement Trust, Plant Insulation Settlement Trust, and the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Reno, NV, *Section 524(g) Bankruptcy Trusts*).

Ms. Karasik has received several awards in her field, including the Century City Bar Association Bankruptcy Attorney of the Year for 2015, and the Turnaround Managers Association "2007 Large Company Transaction of the Year" award for her work on the U.S.A. Commercial Mortgage Company Chapter 11 Cases. She is also been named as a Southern California States Super Lawyers®, 2012-2015 for Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights; Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law – 2007-2015; and AV/Preeminent Attorney® as rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, 5.0 out of 5.0.

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**Ms. Karasik is active in various organizations, including:**

- American Bankruptcy Institute: Board of Directors (2015); Bankruptcy Battle-ground West Conference, Co-Chair, 2012-2015; Ethics and Compensation Subcommittee, Education Director, 2014-15, Newsletter Editor, 2012-2014
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, Board Member 2014-2015, Membership Committee
- State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Member
- State Bar of California, Insolvency Law Committee, Member, 2005-2006
- LA County Bar Association, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section, Member
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), Member
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Former Executive Committee Member
- Turnaround Managers Association ("TMA") Awards Committee, Member, 2009-2011
- TMA Distressed Investing Conference Planning Committee, Member, 2013-2014

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**Ms. Karasik has appeared as a speaker on the following topics before the following organizations:**

- American Bankruptcy Institute, Spring Meeting 2015: Trustee Selection in Commercial Bankruptcy Cases
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum: LLCs in Bankruptcy: Tricks and Traps (or Points of Leverage and Lurking Dangers), April 20, 2015
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Spring Meeting 2014: The Ever-Changing Roles of Committees
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Webinar July 15, 2013: The Section 1111(b) Election, Plan Feasibility and Cramdown Issues
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Spring Meeting 2013: The Section 1111(b) Election, Plan Feasibility and Cramdown Issues
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, 2011: Great Debates – Third Party Injunctions in Chapter 11 Plans
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Spring Meeting 2011: Ethics and Professional Compensation: Actions to Avoid and Recover Fees
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, 2009: Great Debates – Administration of Administratively Insolvent Estate for the Benefit of a Secured Creditor
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Spring Meeting 2009: Great Debates – Sale of Assets Free and Clear of Liens Over the Objection of the Secured Creditor
- CRG Winter Conference, 2009: Panel Discussion – Guide for Operating in the Zone of Insolvency
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Southwest Bankruptcy Conference, 2008: Claims Trading, Fiduciary Duties and Other Pesky Committee Issues
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Winter Leadership Meeting, 2006: Fibermark – New Duties and Beyond – Ethical Problems of Committee Membership and Representation in a Hedge Fund World
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Spring Meeting 2004: Successor Liability Revisited – Recent Developments and Trends

Ms. Karasik received her B.A., with High Honors in History, from the University of California, Berkeley in 1984, and her J.D. from the University of Southern California Law School (Gould School of Law), Order of the Coif, 1991. She was admitted to the California Bar in 1991. She was admitted to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1991, the United States District Court for the Central and Northern Districts of California in 1991 and 1992, and the Southern and Eastern Districts of California in 1994. She has also practiced extensively in Federal Courts throughout the country including in Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Delaware, Washington, Illinois, Missouri, Arizona and Florida.



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**CARMELA T. PAGAY**, a partner at LNBY&B, specializes in representation of debtors in reorganizations and liquidations, creditor committees, and Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 trustees, and bankruptcy litigation. Ms. Pagay received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1994, and her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles in 1997, where she was Senior Production Editor of the Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Journal. Ms. Pagay is admitted to practice before the United States District Court, Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. She is currently a member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section Executive Committee, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, and is also an editorial board member of the *Los Angeles Lawyer* magazine.



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Prior to joining the firm in 2008, Mr. Meshefejian clerked for the Honorable Geraldine Mund and the Honorable Victoria S. Kaufman, United States Bankruptcy Judges. Mr. Meshefejian obtained his J.D. in 2007, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he served as senior editor for the Illinois Business Law Journal and received the Rickert Award for excellence in legal writing. He is a member of the State Bar of California and the American Bankruptcy Institute.



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