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## **Main Bio**

Jill Perrella has significant experience representing financial institutions, particularly in the areas of bankruptcy and restructuring, creditors' rights, and commercial finance. In her bankruptcy and litigation practice, Jill represents creditors, debtors and other interested parties in complex commercial bankruptcy matters and related litigation. In her transactional practice, Jill assists her clients in the documentation of commercial, real estate and asset-based lending transactions.

## **Representative Experience**

- Representing lenders and borrowers in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy litigation, including claims litigation, litigation related to contested Chapter 11 plan confirmation, motions to appoint a Chapter 11 trustee/convert/dismiss, lift stay motions, cash collateral and adequate protection issues, preference/avoidance/non-dischargeability actions.
- Representing creditors, debtors and guarantors in breach of contract, breach of guaranty and receiver actions. Jill has also represented creditors in all avenues of judgment collection, including debtor examinations and related discovery, writs of attachment, garnishment and execution.
- Defending financial institutions against contract and tort lender liability claims.
- Representing debtors in filing and successfully completing complex Chapter 11 reorganization cases in Delaware and Arizona.
- Representing receivers in complex business restructurings and/or litigation.
- Assisting special servicers, lending institutions and banks in connection with foreclosures and loan workout strategies in various debt collection scenarios.
- Assisting in the drafting, proposal and confirmation of creditor-filed Chapter 11 plans in complex commercial bankruptcy proceedings.
- Representing franchisees in franchise agreement and commercial lease disputes.
- Representing electric companies in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings regarding post-petition adequate assurance issues and administrative claims under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9).
- Representing clients in bankruptcy appeals before District Courts and Bankruptcy Appellate Panels.

## **Education**

- The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D.)

- Award for Excellence in First-Year Legal Writing
  - Writing Fellow
- The University of Arizona (B.A., Journalism, *summa cum laude*)
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Alpha Phi Omega

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- Commercial Real Estate Women (2023)
- District of Arizona, Lawyer Representative for the Ninth Circuit (2022-2025)
  - Co-Chair (2023-2025)
  - Coordinating Committee (2023-2025)
- State Bar of Arizona, Bankruptcy Section
  - Executive Council (2021-present)
    - Chair (2022-2023)
    - Chair-Elect (2021-2022)
  - State Bar Convention Co-Chair (2020-2022)
- Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court (2021-2023)
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (2020-present)
- Federal Bar Association, William D. Browning Tucson Chapter (2015-present)
- American Bankruptcy Institute (2015-present)
- Pima County Bar Association (2008-present)
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association (2008-present)

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Dealing with Defaulted Loans," Co-Presenter, Client presentation (March 14, 2024)
- "Bifurcation and Factoring of Attorneys' Fees: Pros, Cons, Concerns, and Approaches," Moderator and Co-Presenter, Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges (March 7, 2024)
- "Subchapter V Bankruptcies," Moderator, State Bar of Arizona's Bankruptcy Section (August 17, 2023)
- "Bankruptcy & Startups: What You Need to Know," Presenter, Tucson Emerging Business Series (June 29, 2023)
- "Prepping for Success: The Keys to Maximizing the Mediation Process," Moderator, District of Arizona Annual Conference (May 19, 2023)
- "Sale of Assets and Compromises," Co-Presenter, Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges (November 14, 2022)
- "[How to Handle Swap Agreements in Bankruptcy](#)," Co-Author, ABF Journal (2021)
- "New Homestead Exemption and Related Statutory Changes," Co-Presenter, Tucson Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (November 9, 2021)
- "HB 2617: Significant Changes to Arizona's Homestead Exemption and Judgment Lien Statutes," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona's Bankruptcy Section (September 17, 2021)

- "Strategies to address loan defaults, workouts and bankruptcy considerations," Co-Presenter, Client presentation (November 5, 2020)
- "Bankruptcy," Co-Presenter, Snell & Wilmer 2020 Year-End CLE Series (August 27, 2020)
- "Managing Business Needs During (and Beyond) a Pandemic," Co-Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Teleconference (May 11, 2020)
- "[New Small Business Reorganization Act May Provide Easier Bankruptcy Relief for Many Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 24, 2020)
- "[Snell & Wilmer adds Lindsay Pearson and Jill Perrella](#)," Inside Tucson Business (January 31, 2020)
- "Equitable Issues in Bankruptcy," Arizona State Bar Convention (June 2018)
- "Electrifying the Bankruptcy Code: Is Electricity a 'Good' for Purposes of 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?," The American Bankruptcy Law Journal, Volume 90, Issue 4 (2016)
- Commencement Keynote Speaker, Gila Bend High School Graduation, Gila Bend, AZ (May 2013)
- "Differences between the Various Types of Bankruptcy Chapter Proceedings/Overview of an Adversary Proceeding," Tucson Paralegal Association General Membership Meeting (March 2013)
- "Issues in Joint Administration in Bankruptcy," Tucson Bankruptcy Bar Luncheon (April 2012)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, Bankruptcy: Business (2015-2022)
- 40 Under 40 Award, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (2020)
- The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch Edition, Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency & Reorganization Law (2021-2024)
- Hon. Eileen W. Hollowell Pro Bono Award, Arizona State Bar Bankruptcy Section (2016)

## Community Involvement

- Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Volunteer Lawyers Program, Volunteer (2021-present)
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
  - Pro Bono Panel, Pro Bono Attorney (2010-present)
  - Self-Help Center, Volunteer (2010-present)
- Arizona Public Media, Community Advisory Board (2015-2022)
  - Executive Committee (2021-2022)
  - Chair of Governance Committee (2016-2021)
- Wingspan (Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center), Board Member (2013)

## Previous Professional Experience

- Quarles & Brady L.L.P., Associate (2011-2012)
- Gust Rosenfeld, P.L.C., Associate (2010)
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Judicial Law Clerk for The Hon. Eileen Hollowell (2009-2010)
- Pima County Superior Court, Judicial Law Clerk/Bailiff for The Hon. Nanette Warner (2008-2009)
- Human Rights Campaign, McCleary Law Fellow (2007)

- Pima County Superior Court, Judicial Intern for The Hon. Karen Adam (2006)
- Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Executive Office, Legislative Intern (2005)
- Arizona Daily Wildcat, News/Features Writer, Administrative Assistant (2003)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Arizona
- Texas

## **Court Admissions**

- United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court, Western District of Texas
- Supreme Court of Arizona
- Supreme Court of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas