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Main Bio

Blakeley Griffith's practice is concentrated in bankruptcy and commercial litigation. She focuses her representation on bankruptcy, reorganization, creditor's rights, and federal and state court commercial and business litigation.

Blakeley's focus in bankruptcy includes experience in reorganization, creditor's rights, foreclosure, receivership and workout law. Blakeley represents clients in all forms of bankruptcy matters, including stay relief, contested confirmation and adversary actions. Additionally, she often represents secured creditors as they recover their real and personal property collateral and seek repayment from borrowers and guarantors.

Blakeley also has significant experience representing financial institutions in disputes involving federal and state consumer protection statutes, common law contract and tort claims, and lender liability with respect to mortgage lending, foreclosures, and various other lending and credit issues. She also assists clients in defending against claims in bankruptcy courts for automatic stay and discharge injunction violations, as well as circumstances involving crisis management and business-threatening conflict in bankruptcy proceedings.

Representative Experience

- Represented a secured creditor in the bankruptcy of a Las Vegas strip casino.
- Represented a large, national bank in a breach of contract action stemming from alleged violation of a bankruptcy plan.
- Represented a large, national bank in a case involving potential damages for violation of the bankruptcy discharge injunction of over $1 million.
- Represented a large, national bank in a lawsuit by a former customer involving over $150 million.
- Represented a storage rental company on multiple matters seeking the return of collateral.
- Represented a large renewable energy corporation in a breach of contract action.
- In a highly contested matter, represented contracting company on a case involving a creditor's plan of liquidation and was the lead drafter on two sets of appeals
- Represented a shopping center lender in multiple evidentiary hearing regarding a contested bankruptcy plan of reorganization
- Represented a retail and wholesale financial lending company on collection actions and bankruptcy matters related to lending practices.

- Represented one of the leading providers of consumer financial services in actions involving lending practices.
- Has represented a large commercial mortgage special servicer on significant bankruptcy and receivership matters for more than a decade.
- Represented numerous creditors including servicers and banks in complex bankruptcy, deficiency, and judgment enforcement actions in state and bankruptcy court and in appeals to the United States District Court and the Ninth Circuit.
- Substantial experience with state court receivership actions and litigation involving secured property.

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.)
    - Executive Editor, Virginia Law Review
    - University of Virginia Tennis Team, Volunteer Assistant Coach
- University of Tennessee (B.A., English, *summa cum laude*)
    - Phi Beta Kappa
    - First Team Academic All-American in Tennis

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Parenting in the Pandemic: Perspectives from Attorney-Parents and Tips for Navigating the New Normal," Presenter, American Bar Association Litigation Section, Co-Sponsored by the Family Law Litigation and Woman Advocate Committees (September 9, 2021)
- "Legal Opinions: Bankruptcy Basics for Business," Author, Nevada Business Magazine (October 1, 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)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®
    - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2024)
    - Litigation – Bankruptcy (2024)
- Top Lawyer, Bankruptcy Law, Vegas Inc. (2020)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, Bankruptcy: Business (2016-2021)
- Top Rank Attorney, Nevada Business Magazine (2015, 2023)
    - Best Up and Coming Attorneys (2015-2017)

Community Involvement

- Snell & Wilmer COACH Award (2023)
- S.A.F.E. House, Board Member (2012-2015)

- Junior League of Las Vegas, Member
    - Board of the Directors (2019-2020)
    - Paint the Town Red Gala, Co-Chair (2016)

Bar Admissions

- Nevada

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Nevada