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Main Bio

Pete Rathwell's practice is concentrated primarily in representing creditors in bankruptcy, insolvency, collections, and other troubled commercial matters.

Representative Matters

- Represented secured creditors claims of \$16,000,000 in the reorganization of seven office buildings in Arizona and Colorado
- Represented secured creditor claims of \$10,000,000 and \$7,000,000 in the reorganization of two apartment buildings in Tucson, Arizona
- Represented secured creditor in \$10,000,000 aircraft replevin and residual recovery
- Represented judgment creditor in recovery against a \$2,000,000 aircraft asset of Mexican debtor
- Represented unsecured reclamation creditor claims of \$8,000,000 in Arizona drug store company reorganization
- Represented secured construction creditor with mechanics lien priority claims in excess of \$6,000,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively, in two Nevada casino reorganizations against disputed priority bondholders claims in excess of \$120,000,000 and several lender claims of over \$90,000,000, respectively
- Represented group of utility companies with collective claims of over \$7,000,000 in Circle K bankruptcy
- Represented \$5,000,000 secured lien and represented utility creditors with adequate protection claims in Greyhound, National Gypsum, Southland Corp., and Al Copeland bankruptcy cases
- Represented Reclamation Creditor for recoveries in Asarco, Winn-Dixie Stores, Flemming Foods, Phar Mor, Bill's Dollar Stores, Rose's Department Stores, F&M Distributors, Caldor Corporation, In Re Lollipop, Inc., and Jitney Jungle Stores
- Defended against \$7,000,000 in reclamation claims in MicroAge, Inc. bankruptcy
- Defended against \$1,500,000 in preference claims in International Fibercom, Inc. bankruptcy

Education

- University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., 1968)
- University of Arizona (B.A., 1965)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- State Bar of Arizona and American Bar Association; Creditors Debtors Rights Section; Business Law Section; Bankruptcy Section
- State Bar of Arizona Disciplinary Hearing Committee, Former Chairman
- Founding Fellow, Arizona Bar Foundation and Maricopa County Bar Foundation
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Board of Advisors and Past Co-Chair for Southwest Bankruptcy Institute Conference

Representative Presentations & Publications

- American Bankruptcy Institute Presenter
- Southwest Bankruptcy Institute Presenter
- Lorman Educational Service, Lecturer
- National Business Institute Presenter
- Edison Electric League Presenter

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Bankruptcy Litigation (1987-2021)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights (2007-2019)
- Super Lawyers®, Bankruptcy - Business Edition (2011)
- Super Lawyers®, Bankruptcy - Corporate Counsel Edition (2009-2010)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers
- Who's Who

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Michigan
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court, District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona