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PRACTICE AREAS

- Finance
- Troubled Assets
- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Real Estate

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Retail
- Technology

OVERVIEW

Geraldine Freeman is a partner in the San Francisco office and co-chair of the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group where she specializes in bankruptcy, workouts, enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies, finance and real estate.

Areas of Practice

Ms. Freeman represents a wide range of clients in all aspects of finance, real estate, bankruptcy and creditors' rights. Industries have included agriculture, alcoholic beverage, real estate, hospitality, manufacturing, retail, defense, health care, high technology products and services, automotive and the arts.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, Boalt Hall, 1983
- A.B., Economics, University of California at Berkeley, 1979, *with distinction in general scholarship*

ADMISSIONS

- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Districts of California

EXPERIENCE

Representative Matters

- Represented agent bank as lead counsel in the workout, bankruptcy, enforcement of creditors' rights and lien priority litigation, involving multiple loans made to a large residential home builder with partially completed housing projects throughout the Central Valley of California.
- Represented Chapter 11 Trustee as lead counsel in the bankruptcy of a national art gallery, including in the successful appeal of the order approving the Trustee's plan of reorganization.
- Represented a public REIT as lender and investor in the documentation and workout (leading to a change in control) of a mezzanine loan and equity investment made to finance a multi-use development project in downtown Los Angeles, also financed with multiple bond issuances.
- Represented the lender in a workout and eventual mixed collateral foreclosure of a time-share resort located in Napa Valley.

- Represented a public REIT as borrower under a large multi state Fannie Mae secured loan facility.
- Represented Chapter 11 debtor home health care provider with facilities located throughout the Western United States, including in the bankruptcy sale of all assets of the debtor as a going concern.
- Represented a group of equipment lessors in the Chapter 11 case of *Excite At Home*, including as lead counsel in an action filed by the equipment lessors against the bondholders to enforce subordination provisions in the trust indenture, and in an action filed against the equipment lessors challenging their status as equipment lessors under the Bankruptcy Code. Also served as lead counsel to the equipment lessors in the negotiation of a plan of reorganization with multiple constituencies, and in the preparation and implementation of a distribution agreement among the equipment lessors to govern distribution among the group of \$100 million in plan payments received by the equipment lessors and the distribution of all the leased equipment of *Excite At Home* located in hundreds of sites across Canada and the U.S. which was abandoned to the equipment lessors pursuant to the plan.
- Represented the independent members of the board of directors of a large international automotive parts company in connection with the insolvency and Chapter 11 bankruptcy of the company.

HONORS

- Named a Northern California Super Lawyer, 2005 and 2006

ARTICLES

- "U.S. Amends Bankruptcy Code," *Turnaround & Workouts Europe*, May 1, 1995
- "Contract, Lease -- Non-Debtor Protection Isn't Broad," *The National Law Journal*, November 30, 1993
- "Unexpired Leases and Executory Contracts," *San Francisco Barrister Law Journal*, May, 1986