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Richard Brunette is of counsel in the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group in the Los Angeles office of Sheppard Mullin.

Areas of Practice

Richard specializes in creditor rights, commercial litigation and business bankruptcy. He has extensive experience in creditors rights litigation and appellate work and has broad experience representing creditors in business and real estate workouts involving various industries, including commercial and industrial real estate, hospitality, technology companies, retailing and agribusiness.

Richard frequently lectures on commercial law and bankruptcy issues, including presentations to the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) and the International Insolvency Institute.

Honors

- Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2007-2023
- Southern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2008-2020, 2022

Articles

- Be Wary When You're Transacting With Trusts In California
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 02.10.2015

Finance & Bankruptcy Law Blog Posts

- "Farm Lending Pitfalls For Urban Lawyers," March 17, 2021
- "It's Time to (Carefully) Secure that Guaranty," March 8, 2021
- "Ninth Circuit Affirms that Liens Pass Through Bankruptcy Even if Underlying Claim is Disallowed," June 10, 2020
- "Post-COVID-19 Appraisals And The Burden Of Proof In Bankruptcy Cases," May 14, 2020
- "Election Time: Bankruptcy Code 1111(B) in the Post-COVID World," April 23, 2020
- "When Red is the Color of the Season: Commercial Property Leases and Bankruptcy," December 12, 2008 (also published on the Fashion and Apparel Law Blog)

Memberships

- Member, ABA task force on revisions to the Uniform Commercial Code
- Former Chair, Sheppard Mullin's Executive Committee, 1998-2001
- Former Chair, ABA Subcommittee on Agri-Business and Agricultural Financing

Practices

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Bankruptcy Litigation

Commercial Lending and Financial Transactions

Debtor in Possession (DIP) Financing

Distressed Acquisitions Under Bankruptcy Code
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Education

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1978, *Order of the Coif*, Articles Editor, Duke Law Journal: 1977-78

B.A., University of Wisconsin, 1974, *summa cum laude*