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John practices in all areas of bankruptcy law, concentrating on business bankruptcy and reorganization proceedings. He regularly represents debtors, creditors, trustees and committees in Chapter 11 cases, bankruptcy litigation and Chapter 7 matters. John has represented distressed companies and debtors-in-possession as they seek to restructure or dispose of business units, including companies in the forest products, oil and gas, healthcare, telecommunications and ship building industries. He has particular experience in completing asset sales, analyzing and restructuring critical customer contracts and advising senior management and directors with respect to employee retention, insurance, environmental and other operational issues that arise in Chapter 11 proceedings and workout situations. John also regularly represents Chapter 7 trustees in liquidation proceedings, including auctions and other dispositions of property. He has extensive experience in evaluating and litigating preference and other avoidance actions, especially fraudulent transfer claims. He has practiced before bankruptcy courts in all districts in California, as well as the bankruptcy courts for Arizona, the Southern District of Mississippi and the Southern and Northern Districts of Texas, among others.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Halaco Engineering Co., representation of trustee
- Jones v. Jones, representation of receiver
- Crown Pacific Partners, L.P., representation of debtors
- Friede Goldman Halter, Inc., representation of debtors
- Paracelsus Healthcare, representation of debtors
- NextWave Telecom, Inc., representation of debtors
- Chip Shot Golf Corporation, representation of debtor
- Rincon Island Limited Partnership, representation of debtors

ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- "Overview of New Provisions on Sale of Personally Identifiable Information" ABI Asset Sales Committee E-newsletter, Vol. 2, No. 2 (July 1, 2005)

PRACTICE AREAS

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

EDUCATION

JD, 1989, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, Extern, Office of the Legal Advisor, US Department of State

BA, 1986, *cum laude*, History, Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences

Certificate, 1994, Johns Hopkins University—Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies

ADMITTED

California 1990

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US District Court for the Central District of California

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US District Court for the Southern District of California

US District Court for the Eastern District of California

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PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- State Bar of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- California Bankruptcy Forum
- American Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute