



# Keith C. Owens

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Keith is a strategic ally for clients involved in bankruptcy proceedings, workouts and other insolvency matters, including receiverships and assignments for the benefit of creditors and creditors' rights litigation.

A former bankruptcy appellate law clerk who has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court, he is experienced in all facets of bankruptcy, insolvency, distressed acquisitions and dispositions. He concentrates his practice on:

- Chapter 11 plan restructuring and related litigation
- Subchapter V bankruptcy
- Section 363 sales and sales pursuant to a Chapter 11 Plan
- Out-of-court workouts
- Valuation disputes
- Single-asset real estate cases
- Structured and closed debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing
- Cash collateral transactions on behalf of lenders and debtors
- Adversary proceedings including fraudulent conveyance, preference and D&O litigation
- Bankruptcy appeals

Keith represents commercial debtors, creditors' committees, secured and unsecured secured creditors, officers, directors and equity holders before bankruptcy and federal district courts throughout the United States, as well as landlords and tenants, licensors and licensees, counterparties to contracts and other major constituencies. His clients include businesses and individuals in a wide range of industries, including entertainment and sports, health care, cannabis, alcohol and beverage, technology, credit card processing, construction, commercial real estate and hospitality.

In addition to his federal work, Keith has led creditors' rights litigation in California state courts.

## Lenders and Loan Servicers

Keith also works extensively with lenders and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) servicers regarding real property secured loan litigation and real estate owned (REO) disposition matters, including:

- Judicial and non-judicial foreclosures
- Guarantor litigation

- Lender liability litigation
- Enforcement of pre- and post-judgment remedies, including:
  - Receivership appointments
  - Injunctions
  - Workouts
  - Loan restructurings
  - Forbearances
  - Discounted payoffs
  - Note sales

Keith is an editor of and a frequent contributor to the firm's "[In Solvency](#)" blog, which covers bankruptcy and financial restructuring issues.

## Services

- Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy
- Cannabis Law
- Entertainment & Sports Law
- Receiverships
- Residential Health Care Facilities

## Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Keith was a Partner in the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice at two *AmLaw* 100 law firms.

Keith began his legal career as a trial law clerk for the Honorable Christopher M. Klein of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California, and as an appellate law clerk to the Honorable John E. Ryan, who served on the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to attending law school, Keith worked as a writer for Tig Productions and various Los Angeles-based entertainment magazines.

## Bar Admissions

- California

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California

## Education

- Southwestern Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.A.)

## Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute

- Financial Lawyers Conference
- Beverly Hills Bar Association (2011)
  - Executive Committee of the Bankruptcy Section and former Section Chair
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
  - Executive Committee of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum
- Orange County Bankruptcy Forum
- Turnaround Management Association

### **Board of Directors**

- Musica Angelica (2014-2015)

### **Honors & Awards**

- Recognized in *Chambers USA*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, California (2015-2016, 2018)
- Selected to the list of “Super Lawyers” in Southern California for Bankruptcy: Business and Creditor Debtor Rights (2009-2021, 2024-2026)
- Selected to the list of “Super Lawyers Rising Stars” in Southern California for Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights (2006, 2008)