



JOHN A. LAPINSKI

John specializes in creditors' rights and insolvency matters including assignments for the benefit of creditors. He has extensive experience representing borrowers and lenders in workouts and in bankruptcy proceedings.

In addition to his other involvements, John has served as a consultant on the Secured Transactions in California Commercial Law Practice in 1986, and Debt Collection Practice in California in 2008, both published by CEB and on the California Practice Guide, Enforcement of Judgments and Debts, published by The Rutter Group in 1988.

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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Law and Insolvency
Corporate Practice
Creditors' Rights and Remedies
Litigation
Real Estate Workout

EDUCATION

- JD, University of West Los Angeles School of Law, *American Jurisprudence Award in Bankruptcy Law*, 1976
- BS, Pennsylvania State University, Biology, 1969

ACCOLADES

- Listed, *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 2007 – 2015

EXPERIENCE

- Represented lenders in liquidating collateral and obtaining full payment of multi-million loan facilities
- Represented borrowers in workouts with lenders and negotiating settlement with guarantors
- Represented debtor in Chapter 11 proceeding involving discharge of asbestos liability
- Represented City of Montebello in Orange County Chapter 9
- Represented numerous companies and creditors involving PACA

AFFILIATIONS

- Chair, Creditor, Debtor and Bankruptcy Law Committee of the State Bar of California, 1983-1984
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Member, Bankruptcy Law Committee and Commercial Law Committee
- Chair, Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2004-2005
- President, Federal Bar Association Los Angeles Chapter, 1983-1984
- Vice President, 9th Circuit Federal Bar Association, 1985-1989
- Trustee, Los Angeles County Bar Association, 1989-1990
- Consultant, Secured Transactions in California Commercial Law Practice, 1986
- Consultant, Debt Collection Practice in California, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *Making Creditors Secure*, Los Angeles Lawyer, (1984)
- Co-author, *Special Enforcement Remedies: Turnover and Assignment Orders*, Beverly Hills Bar Association Journal, (1987)
- Co-author, *Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors*, Los Angeles Lawyer, (1993)
- Co-author, *Advising Distressed Businesses on an Alternative to Bankruptcy*, Los Angeles Lawyer, (2001)
- Participated in bench bar committee involving drafting of local bankruptcy rules