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T. Scott Belden is the firm's managing partner and Bankruptcy Department practice group leader. His practice emphasizes all aspects of bankruptcy, including debtor, creditor, and trustee representation, with a focus on representing debtors in Chapter 11 reorganization cases. In addition to his bankruptcy work, he also maintains an active practice in the areas of business and commercial litigation and agricultural law. Having earned his J.D. from McGeorge School of Law and his MBA from Regis University, he is uniquely suited to advise distressed businesses and their creditors on means for resolving debtor-creditor issues in and out of the bankruptcy process.

Practice Focus

Bankruptcy; Bankruptcy Reorganizations; Bankruptcy Trustee Representation; Chapter 7, Chapter 11, and Chapter 12 Debtor and Creditor Rights; Workouts; Business Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Agricultural Law

Bar Admissions

State Bar of California, 1996
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1997
All California Federal District Courts, 1996 and 1997

Education

Bachelor of Science, cum laude, University of Alabama, 1993
Juris Doctor, with distinction, University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 1996
Master of Business Administration (Accounting and Finance), Regis University, 2005

Professional Associations and Leadership

Kern County Bar Association, 1996-present
Fresno County Bar Association, 2009-present
Central California Bankruptcy Association, 1996-present
-President, 2005-2006
American Bankruptcy Institute, 1998-present
National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, 2005-present
Professor, California Pacific School of Law; Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure 2000-2002
Lawyer Representative, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference, 2010-present

Community Involvement

Garces Memorial High School Mock Trial Team, Attorney Coach, 2000-2009

Reported Decisions

Parker v. Community First Bank (In re Bakersfield Westar, Inc.) 123 F. 3d 1243 (9th Cir. 1997)
Parker v. United States of America, 226 B.R. 227 (9th Cir. BAP 1998)

Professional Experience

Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball, LLP, 1996-present
Judge Advocate General, California State Military Reserve, CPT, 2005-present
U.S. Air Force, Active Duty 1982-1992; Reserves 1992-1996; Office of Special Investigations 1988-1996



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