



Hanson Bridgett Practice Group Creditor's Rights & Bankruptcy

Hanson Bridgett represents commercial creditors and real estate owners and managers in bankruptcy cases, nationwide. We provide our clients with efficient analysis of bankruptcy proceedings and developments, the requisite economies of scale, and the ability to respond and act quickly.

We provide strategic advice and advocacy when our clients encounter opposing parties in financial distress or insolvency proceedings – including cases under chapters 7, 11, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, and state court proceedings after an assignment for the benefit of creditors. Notably, Hanson Bridgett offers considerable depth of expertise in bankruptcy cases involving real estate. We resolve time-sensitive cases and disputes involving issues of possession, lease assumption and rejection. Our goal is to make sure each client is in the most advantageous position possible to address the problems created when a commercial tenant files bankruptcy.

Our practice group is led by Nancy J. Newman, with more than 30 years of experience handling creditor's rights and bankruptcy matters. Nancy is the author of the bankruptcy chapter in the CEB's Landlord-Tenant Practice treatise for the last 15 years.

Representative Work

- Represented major national shopping center owners in dozens of large retail tenant bankruptcies in Delaware, New York, Virginia, Ohio, Florida, as well as in the all districts in California.

- Successfully resolved numerous bankruptcy claim disputes, preference actions, and disputes over assumption and rejection of commercial real property leases.
- Advised national insurer on modifications to policy documents to address uncertainty created by bankruptcy preference statutes.
- Represented landlord's claims and leasehold interests in skilled nursing facility during the bankruptcy estate's auction of the debtor's property, to insure successor tenant was qualified, licensed and in compliance with lease obligations.
- Assisted clients defending voidable transfer claims, avoidance actions and recovery of preferential transfer lawsuits.