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“I help clients navigate a situation they were hoping to avoid—seeking performance from a debtor who is not delivering on their obligation. Sometimes things get messy and end up in strictly regulated areas, such as a bankruptcy or receivership. I bring a pragmatic, attentive approach to help clients identify the best path forward.”

Jesús Palomares is a partner in the firm’s bankruptcy & creditors’ rights practice team who brings experience, diligence, and solutions to clients across the debtor-creditor landscape. Jesús advises businesses and individuals on business bankruptcy, enforcement of security interests, and commercial disputes in state and federal court. Whether it be an informal negotiation or full-blown litigation, Jesús provides a solutions-oriented approach to find the best outcome for clients.

Jesús represents secured lenders and other lienholders in bankruptcy court in Chapter 11 and 7 proceedings, including plan confirmation disputes, non-dischargeability and lien avoidance actions, and post-discharge matters. He also represents receivers, lenders, construction lienholders, surety bond claimholders, and property owners in state court on loan and contract disputes, fraudulent transfers, foreclosures, loan modifications, receivership actions, and collateral enforcement issues. Jesús is fluent in Spanish. Before joining the firm, Jesús was a summer clerk at Hogan Lovells BSTL, S.C., one of Mexico’s leading law firms.

Professional Activities

- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington, Thomas T. Glover Mediation Program, executive committee member, 2019-present
- Oregon Hispanic Bar Association, board of directors, 2016-present
- Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, member
- King County Bar Association, member
- Washington State Bar Association, member
- Oregon State Bar, member

Education

J. D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2011

- Contributing Editor, *The Legality*

B. A., Western Washington University, international business and finance, 2008

Bar Admissions

Washington, 2017
Oregon, 2011

Languages

Portuguese
Spanish

Representative Experience

Debtor-Creditor

- Represented general receiver for defunct mortgage lender in recovery of defaulted loans dating back to 2005.
- Successful defense of national mortgage solutions provider against various tort claims brought by plaintiff.
- Represented regional secured lender in successful recovery of charged-off loan portfolio previously deemed non-recoverable.
- Represented national secured lender in contested Chapter 11 in restructuring and obtaining full recovery from debtor through sales of assets and settlements.
- Represented private client in state court to successfully vacate default judgment for adverse possession; reached favorable settlement providing client with desired property rights.

Property/Boundary Disputes

- Represented private client and successfully recovered funds from federal government in civil asset forfeiture proceeding under the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (CAFRA).

Publications

- “Are Option Agreements Executory Contracts Under § 365? It Depends,” Oregon State Bar, *Debtor-Creditor Newsletter* (2018)
- “Westlaw Practical Law Bankruptcy,” *Local Bankruptcy Rules: Oregon* (2017)
- Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section, newsletter contributor (2013-present)
- “Welcome to Washington: Expanded Nexus in an Age of Fiscal Uncertainty,” Miller Nash, *NW Tax Wire* (Oct. 2010)

Presentations

- “The CARES Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, and More: How the Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Impacted Bankruptcy Law,” King County Bar Association Bankruptcy Law Section (May 2021)
- “Handling Top Issues: Title, Litigation, and More,” National Business Institute, Commercial Financing and Lending in Washington (Oct. 2019)
- “Bankruptcy and State Court Case Law Update,” Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section, CLE and Annual Meeting (Sept. 2019)
- “Understanding Business Entities and Personal Guaranties,” Western Region Building Materials Credit Association, monthly meeting, material development (Feb. 2019)
- “Getting Paid and Protecting Your Company During a Construction Project,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, Construction Roundtable (Oct. 2018)
- “International Business Law Basics,” University of Portland, Business Course (Dec. 2016)
- “Bankruptcy and State Court Case Law Update,” Oregon State Bar, Debtor-Creditor CLE & Annual Meeting (Sept. 2015)
- “Oregon’s Foreclosure Mediation Program,” Oregon State Bar, Debtor-Creditor CLE & Annual Meeting (Oct. 2014)
- “Boot Camp: Foreclosure and Loan Workout Procedures,” National Business Institute, CLE Seminar (July 2013)
- “Bankruptcy and State Court Case Law Update,” Oregon State Bar, Debtor-Creditor CLE & Annual Meeting (Oct. 2012)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation—Bankruptcy, 2021
- Selected for inclusion as a Washington Super Lawyer—Rising Stars, 2017-present