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“I help financial services clients navigate challenging situations, such as dealing with nonperforming counterparties, regulatory compliance inquiries, and insolvency litigation. I bring a pragmatic, attentive approach to help clients identify cost-effective solutions to messy problems.”

Jesús Miguel Palomares is a partner in the firm’s bankruptcy & creditors’ rights practice team who brings experience and expertise to serve clients in commercial lending, financing, real estate, and regulatory compliance matters. Jesús advises businesses and individuals regarding distressed commercial debt and consumer credit issues in and out of court, through loan workouts, restructuring, reorganization, and liquidations. Whether it be informal negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, or litigation, Jesús provides a solutions-oriented approach to obtain the best outcome for clients.

Jesús represents creditor clients in contested matters, adversary proceedings, and other litigation incidental to commercial litigation, including receiverships and bankruptcy proceedings. Jesús helps clients avoid litigation through foreclosure, loan modification, and pragmatic settlements designed to protect against future bankruptcy issues. He advises credit unions, banks, and other financial services clients on commercial and consumer lending and regulatory compliance matters. Jesús works with clients from a variety of industries, including construction lienholders, credit managers, property owners, developers, and small businesses.

Jesús serves on the Board of Directors of the Rivermark Community Credit Union, a not-for-profit financial cooperative that serves over 180,000 members. In this role, he helps the credit union pursue its goal of improving the financial lives of its members. During law school, Jesús spent time as a summer clerk at Hogan Lovells BSTL, S.C., one of Mexico’s leading law firms.

Professional Activities

- Rivermark Community Credit Union Board of Directors, Member, 2021-present
- Oregon Hispanic Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2016-2022
- Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, Member
- King County Bar Association, 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

- Washington State Bar Association, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington, Thomas T. Glover Mediation Program, Executive Committee Member, 2019-2022

Representative Experience

Debtor-Creditor & Financial Services

- Represented secured lender in Chapter 11 Subchapter V to recover pre-petition distributions by motel-operator debtor to owners.
- Represented 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.

Property/Boundary Disputes

- Represented private client in state court to successfully vacate default judgment for adverse possession; reached favorable settlement providing client with desired property rights.
- 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*® (Seattle, WA)
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021-2024
 - Litigation—Bankruptcy, 2021-2024
- Selected for inclusion as a Washington Super Lawyer—Rising Stars, 2017-2021, 2025-present

Personal Activities

Jesús enjoys occasionally coaching youth sports, most recently middle school wrestling, and learning about gardening with his wife. He also enjoys winning friendly bets with his Seattle colleagues over Oregon Ducks or Portland Timbers matches.