

Robyn B. Sokol

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Robyn is a trusted problem-solver who delivers strategic, results-driven counsel in insolvency and restructuring matters.

With deep insolvency and restructuring experience at both the bankruptcy court and appellate court levels, Robyn guides clients through pivotal moments —preserving value in corporate restructurings, navigating complex bankruptcy litigation, advising fiduciaries, and liquidating estate assets in an efficient and cost-effective manner for the benefit of estate creditors.

Throughout her career, Robyn has led clients through trials, evidentiary hearings, negotiations and high-stakes transactions across industries including finance, healthcare, hospitality, real estate, manufacturing, insurance, and entertainment. She represents Chapter 11 debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, Chapter 7 and 11 trustees, creditors' committees, purchasers of bankruptcy estate assets, and corporate clients —bringing practical solutions and strategic, results-oriented guidance to each matter.

Clients rely on Robyn not only for her legal acumen, but for her practical approach, clear communication and steadfast advocacy every step of the way.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

ADMISSIONS

California

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J.D., 1991

University of Colorado, B.S., Finance and Real Estate, *cum laude*, 1986

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EXPERIENCE

Robyn has served as lead counsel in scores of trials, evidentiary hearings, and contested matters in bankruptcy courts nationwide. Her work includes negotiating, drafting, analyzing, and reviewing loan documents; real and personal property leases; purchase agreements; and licensing agreements.

She has successfully restructured and reorganized individuals and businesses involved in retail, entertainment, golf, hospitality, real estate, restaurants and healthcare.

Robyn also represents Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 trustees, where her strategic counsel has resulted in significant returns to creditors. In one recent matter, she transformed a “no-asset” Chapter 7 case into a recovery of tens of millions of dollars after obtaining a judgment unwinding an intricate network of intentionally defective grantor trusts, LLCs and corporations designed to conceal assets.

She is frequently engaged as special litigation counsel to Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 trustees, pursuing causes of action to enhance creditor recoveries. As special litigation counsel to a Chapter 11 trustee in a major real-estate bankruptcy, she filed approximately 165 adversary proceedings that generated nearly \$8 million in cash for the estate, resulting in judgments totaling almost \$40 million, and secured roughly \$27 million in claim waivers — substantially reducing the creditor pool and enabling a meaningful distribution to unsecured creditors.

Her efficient, focused litigation strategy prioritizes her clients’ objectives and supports productive case resolution.

RECOGNITIONS

Martindale-Hubbell Distinguished Rating

Recognized on the *Best Lawyers in America*® list for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2018-2025) and Litigation Bankruptcy (2018-2025)

Southern California *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2025

Top 50 Women in Southern California *Super Lawyers*, 2016-2023

Top 100 Southern California *Super Lawyers*, 2016

Pasadena Magazine, Top Attorneys, 2022-2023

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PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

State Bar of California

Los Angeles County Bar Association

American Bankruptcy Institute

American Bankruptcy Institute Battleground West, Advisory Board Member and Program Chair, 2016-2022

Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, Board Member, 2016-2019

NEWS

Stinson Welcomes Three Attorneys to Growing Los Angeles Office

12.03.2025

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist, "Presenting Live Evidence in Adversary Proceedings and Contested Matters," Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, April 2022

Co-Chair, Producer and Moderator, Crossfire Panel, American Bankruptcy Institute Battleground West, 2021

Co-Chair, Producer and Panelist, Crossfire Panel, American Bankruptcy Institute Battleground West, 2019

Panelist, "Avoiding the Crap Out: How IP Intersects with Employment, Estate, and Bankruptcy Laws," 44th Intellectual Property Law Section Institute, IP without Borders, 2019

Producer and Panelist, "Appealing Positions: Everything You Need to Know About Appeals," American Bankruptcy Institute Bankruptcy Battleground West, March 2017

PUBLICATIONS

"Why Media Companies and Celebrities 'Go Broke,'" *Forbes*, July 2016

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