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### **PRACTICE EMPHASIS**

Bankruptcy  
Creditors' Rights  
Litigation and Dispute  
Resolution

Senior counsel to the firm, Merrilee's practice focuses on creditors' rights, commercial collections, and bankruptcy. Generally representing creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy practice, she has been selected to be committee counsel in a number of large cases, been appointed trustee in chapter 11 cases, and served several years as a chapter 7 panel trustee. She practices in bankruptcy courts throughout the country. Active in the bar, she served on the Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules Committee for over fifteen years, served four years on the Advisory Board of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council and was selected to serve on the Executive Committee to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. She is currently a member of the Board of the Wombats (Women Bankruptcy Attorneys) and served on the Legislative Committee to the Washington State Bar Association for a number of years. Prior to entering law school, she worked in the credit department of Crocker Bank in San Francisco, and was a credit manager for Stauffer Chemical Company, headquartered in Westport, Connecticut. In 2014, she was selected to be a visiting lecturer, teaching commercial law at Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, Lithuania.

### **ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS**

Published articles in the King County Bar Bulletin and The Bankruptcy Strategist  
Speaker at Continuing Education Programs on bankruptcy and lien issues  
Conducted Interview of Justice Anthony Kennedy at Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, 2006  
Presenter at meetings of the Chief District Judges and Chief Bankruptcy Judges of the Ninth Circuit

### **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1982  
Chief Managing Editor, Hastings International & Comparative Law Review  
B.S., Lewis and Clark College, 1974 in History, *magna cum laude*  
National Institute for Trial Advocacy, General Litigation Program 1985, Bankruptcy Litigation Program, 1992

### **HONORS / AWARDS / UNIQUE RECOGNITION**

Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell since 1992  
Rated 10.0 "Superb" by AVVO  
Named as a "Super Lawyer" by *Washington Law & Politics* and Thomas Reuters since 2000  
Named as a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy by *American Lawyer Media* and *Martindale-Hubbell*  
Featured in *Seattle Metropolitan* as one of The Top Women Attorneys in Washington since 2013  
Named as a 2010 Top Lawyer by *Seattle Metropolitan* since 2010  
Named as a Top Lawyer in Washington by *Washington CEO* in 2008  
Received Distinguished Service Award from Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2006  
Named to *Who's Who in American Law* in 1994  
Citation for Outstanding Service, Lewis and Clark College, 1997

### **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Local Rules Committee, Bankruptcy Court for Western District of Washington 1995-2013  
Member, Legislative Committee to Washington State Bar Association 2007-2014  
President Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington 1999-2000  
Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference 2000-2002  
Executive Committee to Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference 2003-2005  
Advisory Board to Ninth Circuit Judicial Council 2006-2009  
Board Member, Wombats (Women Bankruptcy Attorneys), member since 1993  
Member, National Board of Alumni, Lewis and Clark College, serving as President 1994-1996  
Board Member, Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra 1985-1988  
Founder, WAEWAG, Eastside Women's Lawyers Group

### **PERSONAL**

Merrilee is a published travel writer and photographer, and spends her free time traveling or planning trips.