



## Jack Cullen

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### Practices

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy  
Investment Management  
Financial Institutions

### Industries

Energy and Utilities  
Retail

### Practice Summary

Jack's experience includes over 32 years of representing the entire range of participants in creditor debtor law. He has represented creditors, debtors in reorganizations, trustees, creditor and bondholder committees, and buyers of assets in bankruptcy cases.

Jack has represented clients in the following bankruptcy courts: Washington, Delaware, California, Alaska, Massachusetts, Oregon, Minnesota, Hawaii, Texas, New York, and Florida.

Jack is listed as "Band 1" by the highly-regarded *Chambers USA 2011* legal directory, which annually interviews firm clients. In addition to a top-ranking of Foster Pepper's Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy practice, Chambers noted Jack's experience in representing creditors and debtors in reorganizations and bankruptcy cases across the country.



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### Experience

Foster Pepper PLLC  
Member, 1991-Present  
Executive Committee Chair, 1995-2001  
Executive Committee Member, 1991-2001

Hatch & Leslie - Seattle, Washington  
Associate, 1979-1983  
Partner, 1983-1991  
Managing Partner 1985-1991

Washington State Bar Association - Seattle, Washington  
Attorney, 1977-1979

### Bar Admissions

U.S. Tax Court, 1989

U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of Washington, 1977

U.S. Court of Appeals  
Ninth Circuit, 1977

U.S. District Court  
Western District of Washington, 1977

Washington State, 1977  
Admitted to practice

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### **Representative Transactions**

Represented largest supplier, equity holder, and creditor in grocery store chain chapter 11

Represent Informal Committee of Bondholders in large industrial chapter 11

Prevailed in appeal of case of first impression interpreting §503(b)(9) of Bankruptcy Code

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### **Activities**

Turnaround Management Association

American Bar Association  
Member, Business Law Section

American Bankruptcy Institute  
20+ Year Member

Washington State Bar Association  
Creditor-Debtor Section  
Member, Executive Committee, 1982-1990  
Chair, Executive Committee, 1986-1988

Interlaw Worldwide Association of Independent Law Firms  
Board of Directors, Vice Chair North America, 2005-Present

Washington State Bar Association Hearing Officer, 1994-2005

Washington State Bar Association Special District Counsel, 1988-2002

Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, 1989-2004

Seattle Repertory Theatre, Board of Trustees, 1999-2002

LAW Fund Board of Directors, 2000-2002

BMW Car Club of America

United State Parachute Association

Airplane Owners and Pilots Association

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### **Publications**

The Deepening Insolvency Risk

by Jack Cullen • The past few years have seen an ever increasing number of reported lawsuits asserting the theory of "deepening insolvency", from only 4 or 5 in the year 2000 to well over 55 in the years 2004 and 2005.

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**Presentations**

Stalled Condominium Projects  
Panelist, 2009 Bankers Briefing, Seattle, WA - May 2009

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**Honors & Awards**

The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy, 1987-2012

*Chambers USA* Band 1, Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, 2005-2011

*Washington Super Lawyers*®, 1999-2011

Martindale-Hubbell AV rating

2010 Top Lawyer, *Seattle Metropolitan* magazine

Top Lawyers in Washington, Energy/Utilities, *Washington CEO*, 2008

League of Justice top lawyer ranking, *Washington CEO*, 2006

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**Education**

University of Puget Sound, J.D.

Western Washington State University, B.A.

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**Personal / Interests**

Family, Instrument Rated Pilot, Skiing, Scuba Diving, Paragliding, Sport Parachuting, Performance Driving  
Member, U.S. Sport Parachuting Team, National/World Champions - 1976