



## Michael J. Gearin

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Mr. Gearin's practice concentrates on insolvency, workouts and reorganization bankruptcy law. He has represented debtors, creditors' committees, secured creditors, purchasers, and trustees in Chapter 11 cases, including representation of parties in some of the largest bankruptcies in the Pacific Northwest. He has represented secured creditors, purchasers and receivers in state law receivership proceedings. Mr. Gearin has substantial experience in real estate workouts and bankruptcies.

Mr. Gearin is a past chair of the Seattle-King County Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, and has been a frequent speaker at professional seminars on bankruptcy reform and other bankruptcy issues.

### PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Past President, Seattle King County Bar Association, Debtor-Creditor Section
- American Bankruptcy Institute Committee on Real Estate
- American Bankruptcy Institute Committee on Legislative Developments
- Creditor-Debtor Section, Washington State Bar
- Bankruptcy Section, Western District of Washington Federal Bar Association
- Board of Trustees, Hands for a Bridge Foundation

### BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Washington

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of Washington Law School, 1991 (Extern, Hon. Sidney C. Volinn, Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit, 1991; *University of Notre Dame Law Review*, 1989-90)

B.S., University of Washington, 1986

B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1975

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Military Experience: Captain, United States Marine Corps, 1975-1981, Helicopter Pilot

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Named a Super Lawyer by *Washington Law & Politics*.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representation of Coast Crane Company as debtor in successful Chapter 11 case
- Representation of Fortress Credit Corporation in Chapter 15 cross border bankruptcy cases
- Representation of Conenza, Inc as debtor in successful Chapter 11 case
- Representation of Mark Calvert as Trustee for Meridian Funds entities
- Representation of Expedia, Inc. in bankruptcy cases of TWA, United Airlines, US Air, Alamo Rental Cars and National Airlines

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- Representation of the Official Unsecured Creditors Committee in the Chapter 11 reorganization of Brown and Cole Stores
- Representation of the Official Unsecured Creditors Committee in the Chapter 11 reorganization of Larry's Markets, Inc,
- Representation of Washington First International Bank as a secured creditor in multiple bankruptcy cases
- Representation of Avatar Financial Group as secured lender in Chapter 11 case of MOC Investments, LLC
- Representation of the Official Unsecured Creditor's Committee in the successful Chapter 11 reorganization of Amerion, a Washington State ISP
- Representation of the Official Unsecured Creditor's Committee in the successful Chapter 11 case of Country Harvest Buffet Restaurants, Inc.
- Representation of the Official Unsecured Creditor's Committee in the Chapter 11 case of real property developer P. Hendley & Associates, Inc.
- Representation of the Microsoft Corporation in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of a Seattle-based Internet service provider
- Representation of Perry A. Stacks, Jr. as Trustee in the Chapter 11 case of Polymer Technology Corp., as Trustee in the Chapter 11 case of Jasper VII LLC, and as the receiver for 7800 LLC
- Representation of VECTRA Technologies, Inc. as debtor's counsel in its successful Chapter 11 case
- Representation of Price Waterhouse as the receiver for two Seattle based telecommunications companies