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**GERALD L. SHELLEY**

Gerald practices in the areas of commercial bankruptcy, litigation and business restructuring and reorganization. He has handled insolvency and reorganization cases in a variety of industries, including real estate, agriculture, mining, transportation, retail, franchising and licensing, health care, manufacturing, non-profit, and e-commerce. He represents lenders, secured and unsecured, committees, debtors, trustees, examiners, purchasers and other parties affected by or connected to an insolvency or bankruptcy. He has also handled cross-border insolvency issues involving Canada, Europe, Asia, and Latin America, where his Spanish fluency assists.

**EDUCATION**

J.D. Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

B.A. Brigham Young University

Omicron Delta Epsilon

Law clerk to the Honorable Robert G. Mooreman, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, District of Arizona  
1985-1987

Nationally Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification

**AREAS OF PRACTICE**

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Bankruptcy

Litigation

Financial Restructuring

Agribusiness

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Reorganized several golf courses in the greater Phoenix area.

Represented banks and private lenders seeking stay relief.

Represented Wall Street lender with "Zone of Insolvency" issues.

Represented official committee in hedge fund bankruptcy with Ponzi Scheme implications

Represented parties with interests in airline bankruptcies, both national and international.

Represented an international financial institution in its defense of a cramdown plan relating to low income housing apartments.

Represented various defendants in large and complex preference and avoidance cases.

Represented utility companies in rearranging or terminating contracts with Enron Power Marketing Corporation.

Represented the State of Arizona's health care agency in dealing with a hospital in Chapter 11.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

*Southwest Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Bankruptcy: Business, 2014-2023

*Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2013-2025

AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell Top Lawyers, Phoenix Magazine, 2025

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, "Successful 363 Sales," State Bar of Arizona Bankruptcy Section, February 1, 2018

Speaker, "The Symposium," M&A Advisor 2017 Distressed Investing Summit, March 23, 2017

Frequent lecturer at seminars sponsored by the Arizona State Bar, the Maricopa County Bar Association and Sterling Education Services

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, State Bar of Arizona

Member, American Bankruptcy Institute

Member, Risk Management Association

Member, INSOL International

Member, East Valley Partnership

## ADMISSIONS

Arizona

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Pro hac vice admissions in other districts throughout the United States, including Bankruptcy Courts in California, Utah, Nevada, Kentucky and New York.

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish, Fluent