

TAMALYN E. LEWIS

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Tamalyn (Tami) E. Lewis brings her clients more than 30 years of legal experience and a deep appreciation of our Arizona business culture. A true Arizona native through-and-through, Tami was born in Globe, raised in Safford, and attended Arizona State University. Her experience as a Bankruptcy Extern in the United States Bankruptcy Court in 1982 and 1983 piqued her interest and desire to advocate for the rights of creditors. Over the years, she developed extensive experience representing financial institutions, landlords, creditors, and individuals in commercial bankruptcies, foreclosures, loan workouts, agricultural matters, real-estate matters, and settlement negotiations throughout Arizona, Texas, and New York.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Agricultural Law
- Bankruptcy & Reorganization
- Business & Financial Restructuring
- Commercial Landlord Tenant Law
- Creditors' Rights
- Loan Documentation
- Mediation
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Arizona State University J.D., 1983
- Arizona State University B.S., Magna Cum Laude, Psychology, 1980

ADMISSIONS

• Arizona State and Federal Courts

INDUSTRIES

- Agriculture Law
- Business Transactions and Disputes
- Commercial Bankruptcy
- Receiverships

- Commercial and Consumer Negotiations and Workouts
- Real Estate Transactions and Disputes

PROFESSIONAL

- Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court Master Alumni, Former Membership Chair
- Turnaround Management Association
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- American Bankruptcy Institute

- State Bar of Arizona, Member
- State Bar of Texas, Member
- Federal Bar Association
- Maricopa County Bar Association
- Sandra Day O'Conner College of Law ASU, Former Alumni Board Member

CLIENTS

- Banks
- Financial Institutions
- Agricultural Lenders
- Landlords

- Receivers
- Business Owners
- Farmers
- Non-Profit Organizations

RECOGNITION

- Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Phoenix, AZ, since 2015
- AV-Rated by Martindale Hubbell®

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Represented agricultural lenders in connection with complex loan workouts and negotiated restructured agreements, including the consensual reorganization in Chapter 11 of one of the state's largest producers of lemons and the orderly liquidation of an operating farm spanning 5200 acres.

Represented a governmental agency in achieving regulatory compliance and negotiated payment of \$20 million violation penalties of a sand and gravel operator in a Chapter 11 case.

Represented the Arizona State Retirement System in regard to protecting loan assets, including the WorldCom bankruptcy case.

Represented landlords in bankruptcy proceedings to protect their interests of maintaining income stream and, if necessary, the early rejection of leases.

Represented a Texas corporation protecting its interests in a Chapter 11 filing by a franchisor owning 20+ franchised stores in Arizona.

Represented Chapter 7 Trustee in the liquidation of a multi-million dollar development project and a Chapter 11 Trustee in the liquidation of a high-end automobile dealership.

Represented a church trying to preserve its sanctuary and office building in cases involving a Ponzi scheme fraud that implicated hundreds of non-profit organizations in multiple proceedings pending in the Bankruptcy and State Courts in Florida and Minnesota.

Represented owner of assisted care facility and the associated equipment in connection with the bankruptcy filing of its operator/lessee to attain an expedited approval of a sale to another operator.

Represented the largest secured lender in the American Continental Bankruptcy case.

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

- In re American Continental Corporation, 105 B.R. 564 (Bankr. D. Ariz. 1989)
- In re PMI DVW Real Estate Holdings, L.L.P., 240 B.R. 24 (Bankr. D. Ariz. 1999)