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### ATTORNEY PROFILE

Merrilee A. MacLean is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College (B.S. History, *magna cum laude*, 1974) and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law (J.D. 1982), where she was Chief Managing Editor of the *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*. She is also a graduate of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and its Bankruptcy Litigation Program.

A shareholder with the firm, Ms. MacLean's practice focuses on creditor's rights, commercial collections, bankruptcy, and real estate litigation. Generally representing creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy practice, she has also been appointed a trustee for chapter 11 cases and served several years as a chapter 7 panel trustee. She has served as an expert witness in commercial collection and bankruptcy matters and argued appeals in the Washington State Court of Appeals, the Supreme Courts of Washington and Alaska, and the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

Ms. MacLean is currently a member of the Advisory Board to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council as well as the Bankruptcy Court's Local Rules Committee. She previously served on the Executive Committee of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference following a three year term as a lawyer representative to that Conference. In 2007 Ms. MacLean was appointed to the Legislative Committee of the Washington State Bar Association, which reviews pending legislation before the Washington State legislature. She is a former president of the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington, where she has also served as chair of the Association's Bankruptcy and Ethics and Practice committees. She was selected to serve on the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee to the U.S. District Court and has held officer or board positions with the Turnaround Management Association and the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ms. MacLean is a frequent presenter at continuing education programs and has been selected to speak at the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and annual meetings of the Chief Bankruptcy Judges of the Ninth Circuit. She has been published in "The Bankruptcy Strategist", the "King County Bar Bulletin" and served as a contributor to a manual for legal professionals. She has been rated "AV" by Martindale Hubbell, been repeatedly named a "Super Lawyer" by Washington Law & Politics Magazine, and was selected for Who's Who in American Law in 1994.

Prior to entering law school, Ms. MacLean worked in the credit department of Crocker Bank in San Francisco, and was a credit manager for Stauffer Chemical Company, headquartered in Westport, Connecticut.

### MAJOR AREAS OF PRACTICE

Creditors' rights, bankruptcy, commercial collections and litigation

### EDUCATION

B.S., Lewis and Clark College, 1974 *magna cum laude*  
 J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1982  
 Chief Managing Editor, *Hastings International & Comparative Law Review*  
 National Institute for Trial Advocacy  
 General Professional Training Program, 1987  
 Bankruptcy Litigation Program, 1992

### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Washington State Bar  
 U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington  
 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington  
 United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
 United States District Court for the District of Hawaii

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

King County Bar Association  
 Washington State Bar Association  
 Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington  
 President and Chair of Bankruptcy and Ethics and Practice committees  
 Local Rules Committee, Bankruptcy Court for Western District of Washington  
 Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference  
 Advisory Board to Ninth Circuit  
 Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee for U.S. District Court  
 American Bankruptcy Institute  
 National Association of Credit Management  
 WOMBATS (Women Bankruptcy Attorneys)

### PUBLICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

"*The Bankruptcy Reform Act: What it Means for Lawyers*" King County Bar Bulletin, December, 2005  
 "*Split in Circuits Raises Issue: Are Secured Creditors Secure?*" The Bankruptcy Strategist, Vol. VIII, No. 10, September, 1989  
 Numerous presentations at Continuing Education programs  
 Selected for Washington State Bar Association Best of CLE in 1991