

EXHIBIT A

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Focus

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
Litigation

Education

J.D., University of California,
Hastings College of the Law

B.A., Stanford University

Bar Admissions

USDC, Central District of
California
USDC, Eastern District of
California
USDC, Northern District of
California
USDC, Southern District of
California
USDC, District of Arizona
Supreme Court of the State of
California
US Court of Appeals, 9th
Circuit

David is a partner in our Los Angeles office, where his practice focuses upon litigation with an emphasis upon creditors' rights, bankruptcy litigation, and state and federal receiverships. He is recognized for his handling of civil litigation through trial. In addition, David has resolved numerous matters through alternative dispute processes, including mediation and arbitration. David represents a wide range of clients including institutional lenders, developers, landlords, receivers, examiners, secured and unsecured creditors, and other business enterprises.

David has extensive experience as a bankruptcy lawyer as well as a trial lawyer in federal and state courts in California and several other jurisdictions. His experience in the field of insolvency, creditors' rights, and bankruptcy litigation includes out-of-court workouts and restructurings, federal and state court receiverships, and bankruptcy reorganization proceedings. David also advises commercial lenders and others regarding all aspects of commercial law with regard to workouts, collection actions, and transactional matters.

David's representative cases include the representation of Court Appointed Receivers in a \$90 million stock fraud action brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission and a \$130 million ponzi-like scheme involving a bankrupt operator of payphones; representation of lender in workout of mezzanine financing on a multi-building office park; defense of actions in bankruptcy by junior lienholder and debtor against lender on a industrial park; and structure lease termination and modifications for commercial and retail tenants both in and out of bankruptcy.

David lectures on matters regarding creditors' rights, construction law, and other real property remedies. He previously served as the Chairman of the Construction Law Subsection of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and a member of the Steering Committee. David is also a member of the Financial Lawyer's Conference, American Bankruptcy Institute, and the Business Section of the American Bar Association.

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Focus

Litigation
Labor and Employment

Education

J.D., University of Southern
California, 1994

B.A., Yale University, 1989

Practice Description:

Mike is a partner in our Los Angeles office whose practice focuses on commercial litigation, with emphases in real estate, securities, and employment litigation. He has extensive trial and alternative dispute resolution experience, representing individuals as well as business entities.

Mike has represented developers, owners, and managers in a wide variety of real estate disputes, including construction, financing, leasing, and contract matters. He has represented employers and supervisors in all aspects of wrongful termination and discrimination cases. He has also defended environmental claims under federal and state environmental laws, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and state common law.

Mike has successfully represented law firms, a national hotel operator, a publisher (against libel and First Amendment claims), a major school district, and numerous other types of clients in a diverse range of claims.

The following is a sample representative list of Mike's matters:

- Representation of a receiver in the management of a very complex receivership estate.
- Successfully represented defendant in claim regarding the valuation of an investor's interest in the company.
- Successfully defended a corporation against a multimillion-dollar fraud claim in trial.
- Obtained more than \$2 million in judgments and settlements in one year for claims regarding mortgage loans.

Professional Memberships:

Mike was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1994. He is admitted to the United States District Courts of the Central District of California and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Professionals in Human Resources Association (PIHRA) and the Irish American Bar Association.

Educational History:

Mr. Farrell received his Bachelors of Arts Degree in History from Yale University in 1989 and his J.D. from the University of Southern California in 1994.

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Focus

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

Education

J.D., Order of the Coif,
University of San Diego
School of Law, 2003

Editorial Board, *San Diego
Law Review*

B.A., Emory University, 1999

Description of Practice:

Ted Fates is an associate in our Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Group based in the San Diego office. He specializes in the areas of bankruptcy, receivership, insolvency, and commercial litigation, including representation of debtors, creditors, receivers and trustees.

Ted has substantial expertise regarding equity receiverships initiated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. He has represented equity receivers appointed for various securities trading and investment firms, a receivable factoring business, internet-based investment programs and Ponzi schemes. Collectively, these entities raised more than \$2.5 billion from their participants.

Ted represents lenders and real property owners in bankruptcy matters, including treatment of leases and real property disputes, cash collateral orders and section 363 sales, preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, claim allowance and priority disputes. Ted's clients also include state court receivers appointed to manage and/or sell real estate and other business assets.

In 2010, Ted was named among *The Daily Transcript's* Top Young Attorneys in San Diego based on peer recognition and professional achievement.

Ted is the Immediate Past President of the San Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the California Receivers Forum, San Diego Bankruptcy Forum and the San Diego County Bar Association. Ted is admitted to practice in all federal districts in California, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Representative Matters:

- *SEC v. Medical Capital Holdings, Inc., et al.* Representation of receiver in SEC action arising out of accounts receivable factoring business that raised approximately \$1.7 billion from investors.
- *SEC v. Tuco Trading, LLC, et al.* Representation of receiver in SEC action arising out of day trading enterprise with approximately \$10 million held in investor trading accounts.

- *SEC v. Lincoln Funds International, Inc., et al.* Representation of receiver in SEC action arising out of biotech-oriented hedge fund that raised approximately \$25 million from investors.
- *SEC v. 12 Daily Pro, et al.* Representation of receiver in SEC action arising out of Internet-based investment scheme that raised approximately \$550 million from investors located throughout the world.
- *SEC v. Learn Waterhouse, Inc., et al.* Representation of receiver in SEC action arising out of investment scheme that raised approximately \$90 million from investors.

Publications:

“Protect Yourself During FDIC Receivership of Bank Tenant,”
Commercial Lease Law Insider (December 2009)

“FDIC Resolution And Receivership Of Failed Banks: Pitfalls And Opportunities For Landlords And Real Estate Investors,” *Real Estate Finance Journal* (Summer 2009)

"Navigating the Waters of Developer Insolvencies," *California Real Estate Journal* (August 4, 2008)

"Gearing up for Real Estate Bankruptcies," Real Estate Committee Newsletter for the American Bankruptcy Institute

American Bankruptcy Institute, Real Estate Committee Newsletter, Gearing Up for Real Estate Bankruptcies, (May 2007)

Judge Hargrove Introduces CARE Program to San Diego, Federal Bar Association Newsletter, San Diego Chapter (Spring 2005)

Public Forum on Municipal Bankruptcy: An Assessment of Potential Impacts, Federal Bar Association Newsletter, San Diego Chapter (Fall 2005)

Educational History:

Ted graduated magna cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2003, where he served as an Editorial Board member of the San Diego Law Review and was awarded membership to the Order of the Coif. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Emory University in 1999. Prior to joining Allen Matkins, he clerked for the Honorable John E. Ryan, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California and Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

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Focus

Real Estate
Retail

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order
of the Coif, University of
Wisconsin-Madison,

B.A., Cornell University

Brian L. Kintz is a senior counsel located in the firm's San Diego office in the Real Estate and Retail Departments. Focusing on transactional real estate matters, Mr. Kintz has represented a variety of landlords in the leasing and disposition of office, industrial, retail and mixed use-developments. He has also represented a variety of financial institutions as tenants in connection with the leasing of office and retail locations. In addition to leasing, Mr. Kintz has also represented numerous clients in the acquisition, development and sales transactions of shopping centers, industrial projects, office buildings and other commercial and mixed-use projects.

Mr. Kintz was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2000 and is also a member of the American Bar Association and the San Diego County Bar Association.

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Focus

Corporate and Securities
Technology and Intellectual
Property

Education

J.D., University of Southern
California

B.S., California Institute of
Technology

Debbie is a corporate partner based out of our Los Angeles office. Her general corporate practice includes acquisitions and divestitures involving both public and private companies, securities compliance (including preparation of annual reports, proxy statements, 10-Ks and other SEC reporting documents), joint venture agreements, and general contract negotiation. Debbie concentrates her practice in the fields of finance, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, securities compliance, and business and contract law. She has extensive experience in computer hardware, software, and Internet matters, including agreements for software development and customization, software licensing, Website development and hosting, Internet alliances, and the development and operation of manufacturer/dealer networks.

Debbie was Co-Chair of the 2004 and 2005 Crescenta Canada YMCA Community Support Campaigns, and is a founder and advisor to the Crescenta Canada YMCA Model United Nations Delegation. She was also a member of the Board of Directors as well as President of the Caltech Alumni Association, and chaired the Caltech Alumni 2002 Seminar Day Committee. Debbie is a member of the Intellectual Property Section and the Business and Corporations Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the National Association of College and University Attorneys.

Debbie received her B.S. from the California Institute of Technology (where she was in the first class of women admitted) and her J.D. from the University of Southern California, where she was a member of the *Law Review*.