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A partner in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, Leslie Stein focuses her practice in the areas of business bankruptcy, reorganization and workouts with an emphasis on secured creditor representation, loan transactions, and mergers and acquisitions.

Nominated as a Michigan Super Lawyer in the area of bankruptcy/creditors' rights by Super Lawyers Magazine since 2006, Ms. Stein represents clients in the commercial and real estate lending arenas. Prior to joining the firm, she managed the bankruptcy/workout and commercial litigation functions for a national financial institution.

A frequent lecturer and author on bankruptcy law, Ms. Stein is a member of the State of Michigan and the American, Federal and Detroit Metropolitan bar associations. She is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, where she served as a past Director at Large and Treasurer.

Representative Client Work:

- Represented national and community banks in numerous loan workout, deed in lieu and foreclosure situations involving apartment buildings, and manufacturing businesses partially built subdivisions and condominium developments
- Represented tier two auto suppliers and obtained complete and early payment of pre-petition debt in several tier one supplier bankruptcies

Areas of Practice

- Banking, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Law

Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated. AV Preeminent is a certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell® certification procedures, standards and policies.
- Michigan Super Lawyer in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights; Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2006 - 2011
- Wayne Law Review, Member, 1978-1979

Education

- Wayne State University Law School, summa cum laude, J.D., 1980
- Oakland University, with honors, B.A., 1976

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1980

- Represented privately held multinational business in the negotiation and documentation of \$300 million syndicated line of credit
- Represented tier two suppliers in the GM and Chrysler bankruptcy cases, obtaining early payment of pre-petition debt and continuing supply contracts for clients
- Represented a bank in a workout matter involving defaults on an existing \$18 million construction loan, transitioning to a loan to an operating senior living community with multiple levels of care (independent senior living, assisted living, nursing home and hospice care at a single site)
- Successfully negotiated resolution of multiple, complex construction lien foreclosure actions on behalf of banks and other mortgage lenders
- Successfully negotiated dismissal and favorable settlements of preference lawsuits for secured and unsecured creditors (landlords, attorneys, automotive suppliers, banks, private lenders) in regional and national bankruptcy cases
- Represented national and community banks in credit exits leading to payment in full
- Discovered frauds by two borrowers leading to indictment and conviction of one of the borrowers and an ongoing FBI investigation of the other

Professional Affiliations

- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (Member, Creditor-Debtor Law Committee, 1983-present)
- State Bar of Michigan (Member, Corporation, Finance and Business Law Section)
- Federal Bar Association (Member, Detroit Chapter, Bankruptcy Section, 1982-present)
- American Bar Association
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (Director at Large, 1987-1988; Treasurer, 1984-1985)
- American Bankruptcy Institute

Public Service

- Commercial Law League of America, Member (1982-1988)

Academic Positions

- Teaching Assistant, Civil Procedure, Wayne State University (1978-1980)

Articles and Lectures

- "The Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984," co-author, 63 Michigan Bar Journal 775, 1984
- "Bankruptcy and the Small Business Creditor," author, 37 The Michigan C.P.A. 39, Summer 1985
- "Amendment of Section 105 Grants Judges Sua Sponte Powers - Does It Constitute Judicial Carte Blanche?" VI American Bankruptcy Institute Newsletter 7, March 1987

- "Cost Effective Delivery of Legal Services," speaker, State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting, 1992
- "Lender Liability: A Practical Approach" Financial Institutions Update; speaker; Institute for Continuing Legal Education; 1992; Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Multiple in-house seminars for Comerica Bank; co-authored written materials, including programs on lender liability, frequent documentation exceptions, Article 9 fundamentals, introduction to Chapter 11, fraudulent conveyance, Attorney-Client privilege

News

- Plunkett Cooney attorneys among Michigan 'Super Lawyers' 2011
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- Plunkett Cooney banks on Stein as firm's newest partner