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Jeff Krieger is a partner at Greenberg Glusker and a specialist in bankruptcy-related matters and commercial law.

Jeff's practice is broad and encompasses both creditors and debtors, as well as various types of clients whose business dealings are potentially affected by financial distress, whether involving a vendor, a customer, business partner or other stakeholders. By combining strategic, high-level counsel with deep expertise in the procedural and substantive elements of bankruptcy law, Jeff assists his clients in managing the risks presented by bankruptcy proceedings and maximizing the opportunities.

On the commercial law side, Jeff represents lenders, borrowers and guarantors in connection with commercial loans, both secured and unsecured. Although he has counseled clients in a range of industries, real estate, apparel and entertainment (particularly real estate developers, fashion brands, and television companies) are some of Jeff's primary industry verticals.

Jeff is a frequent writer, including as a contributor to a published book, [Reviving the Financially Distressed Business](#), the essential guide for business owners and corporate leaders whose companies are under—or anticipating—financial difficulties. He also is a contributor to the firm's bankruptcy and insolvency blog, [Overhead in Bankruptcy](#).

Jeff has earned several prestigious awards throughout his career. His accolades include being recognized as a "Leading Lawyer in Bankruptcy/Restructuring" by Chambers USA, a highly reputable publication ranking the world's leading lawyers, and earning a consistent place in Best Lawyers in America® since 2018 and in Southern California Super Lawyers list since 2021.

### Professional Affiliations

- Member, Athletes Touch networking group
- Former Chair, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section of Los Angeles County Bar Association

### Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Special Olympics Southern California

- Member (January 2002–December 2018)
- Chairman (January 2016–December 2018)
- Chair Emeritus (January 2019–Present)
- Voting Member, Maccabi USA Sports for Israel

### **Awards**

- *Chambers USA*, Leading Lawyer in Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2022–2024
- *Los Angeles Times*' Banking and Finance Visionaries, 2023-2024
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2018–2025
- Southern California *Super Lawyers*, 2021–2025
- Martindale Hubbell, "AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5"

### **Bar Admissions**

- California

### **Education**

- University of California, Davis School of Law (J.D., 1991)
- Swarthmore College (B.A., 1986)
  - Economics Major

## **Bankruptcy Experience**

- Secured a unanimous trial and then appellate victory in the Singapore International Commercial Court. The client, a plaintiff in a high stakes dispute at the intersection of bankruptcy law, business litigation, and trust law retained Greenberg Glusker as counsel on U.S. bankruptcy law issues. Alongside Singaporean lead counsel and corresponding experts on U.S. trust and estates law, Krieger was part of the team that assisted with briefing and argument on U.S. bankruptcy law in the Singaporean trial and appellate court. The judgment, which was then affirmed on appeal, resulted in a finding that a trust valued at over \$40M was beneficially owned by our client.
- Currently represents Glider Co. Ltd. as an administrative creditor in the Gymboree bankruptcy case
- Currently represents Ushio America, Inc. as the largest creditor in the bankruptcy case of American Green Technology, Inc.
- Currently represents Discovery Communications, LLC, as a petitioning creditor in the involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Diversified Mercury Communications, LLC
- Currently represents Discovery Communications, LLC, a creditor in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of KSL Media, Inc.

- Currently represents the commercial landlord in the Chapter 11 case of retailer Stanley Swain's, Inc.
- Currently represents clients in recovering monies invested in the Bernie Madoff ponzi scheme
- Currently represents numerous clients in bankruptcy court adversary proceedings including preference and fraudulent transfer litigation
- Represented Brighton-Best International, Inc. in its successful acquisition of the assets of Ironclad Performance Wear Corporation (now ICPW) out of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Represented Imaging 3, Inc. as Chapter 11 debtor through its successful confirmation of its Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization
- Represented Signal Walnut Partnership L.P., in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Orange Grove Service, Inc.
- Represented a private first trust deed holder in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Ocean Hills
- Represented Avalon Risk Management, a broker of United States customs bonds, in numerous bankruptcy proceedings filed by importers utilizing customs bonds
- Represented the Court appointed liquidator's U.S. interests in an international insolvency proceeding based out of the Commonwealth of Dominica in which the debtor entity is a corporation responsible for an illegal "ponzi" scheme which defrauded investors of greater than \$50 million
- Represented Convergenz, a personnel staffing company, in the bankruptcy of Axiom Corporation
- Represented Regency Park Senior Living in its successful acquisition out of bankruptcy of a senior assisted living facility in Pasadena, California
- Represented Roland Corporation, a junior secured creditor in the Mars Music bankruptcy, securing a significant recovery from the bankruptcy estate and senior lender after commencing litigation to require the senior lender to marshal assets for the benefit of Roland
- Represented the City of Culver City in contested claim for unpaid taxes against Chapter 11 debtor Urban Hotels resulting in favorable settlement for Culver City
- Represented Auto Wax Co., a manufacturer of car care products, as petitioning creditor in a contested involuntary bankruptcy against judgment debtor Mark V Products, defeating a motion to dismiss the involuntary petition
- Represented Cheesecake Factory as creditor and reclamation claimant in the Ameriserve and Empire Beef bankruptcies
- Represented PacifiCare of California as the single largest creditor in multiple hospital and health care provider bankruptcies
- Represented a private secured creditor in the Southern Select Ranch bankruptcy case
- Represented AXA, as secured creditor in the Destination Film bankruptcy case
- Represented creditors' committee in the California Power Exchange bankruptcy case
- Represented creditors' committee in the Packaging Corporation of America bankruptcy case
- Represented creditors' committee in the Universal Communications Network bankruptcy case

- Represented creditors' committee in the Primedex bankruptcy case
- Represented bankruptcy trustee in liquidation of a waste disposal company
- Represented bankruptcy trustee in liquidation of a private accounting firm
- Represented Remi restaurant in its successful liquidating Chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Represented The Movie Group in a successful Chapter 11 reorganization after creditors had forced The Movie Group into an involuntary bankruptcy

## Real Estate Experience

- Represents real estate secured creditors in Orange Grove Services, Inc. and Ocean Hills Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases
- Represented commercial landlord in Chrysler Chapter 11 bankruptcy case
- Regularly represents real estate developers in connection with deal required legal opinions, including substantive consolidation opinions, allowing clients to obtain commercial real estate loans
- Currently represents or has represented commercial landlords in large retail Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases around the country, including Blockbuster, Circuit City, Movie Gallery, Wickes Furniture, Great Circle Family Foods, Elrod Holdings, Koo Koo Roo, Garden Ridge, and Factory 2-U
- Represented junior lender to a developer of senior housing in Northern California in out of court restructure with senior lender
- Represented developer of single family homes in Nevada in connection with out of court restructure with senior lender
- Represented chain of medical clinics in successful out of court restructure, including renegotiating real estate leases to allow company to continue in operation
- Represented real estate developer in negotiating and documenting construction and permanent real estate loan for \$13 million for an upscale apartment complex in Panorama City, California

## Business Experience

- Represented a doctor in negotiation of entry into medical practice partnership
- Represented Oscar de la Hoya and Golden Boy in their acquisition of RING Magazine, known as "The Bible of Boxing"
- Represented purchaser in acquisition of combined stock and asset purchase of a group of landscaping and nursery companies
- Represented purchaser in acquisition of medical products company

- Represented U.S. Freightways, a cargo and trucking company, in the acquisition of real property from the Consolidated Freightways Chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Regularly represents The Quercus Trust, a significant investment trust focused on alternative energy companies and other clean tech industries. Representation has included structuring, negotiating, and documenting numerous investments totaling more than \$30 million in venture-stage companies ranging from start-ups to late-round, pre-IPO financings

## Insights

February 21, 2025

**37 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2025 Southern California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Super Lawyers**

August 15, 2024

**46 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2025 Best Lawyers® and Ones to Watch® Lists**

June 6, 2024

**Chambers USA 2024 Recognizes 14 Greenberg Glusker Lawyers and Five Practice Areas**

March 25, 2024

**Three Bankruptcy Partners Selected To L.A. Times B2B Publishing's 2024 Banking and Finance Visionaries List**

*L.A. Times B2B Publishing*

January 10, 2024

**28 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2024 Southern California Super Lawyers Super Lawyers**

August 17, 2023

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June 1, 2023

**Chambers USA 2023 Recognizes 12 Greenberg Glusker Lawyers and Five Practice Areas**

April 26, 2023

**How Bed Bath & Beyond is hedging its bankruptcy bet**

*Yahoo! Finance*

March 19, 2023

**Three Greenberg Glusker Partners Selected to Los Angeles Times' 2023 Banking and Finance Visionaries List**

*Los Angeles Times*

March 7, 2023

**Greenberg Glusker Provides Tax and Corporate Counsel to Watt Ventures Reorganization**

*Greenberg Glusker Deal Announcement*

January 10, 2023

**31 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2023 Southern California Super Lawyers**

*Super Lawyers*

August 18, 2022

**32 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2023 Best Lawyers® List**

June 1, 2022

**Chambers USA 2022 Recognizes 12 Greenberg Glusker Lawyers and Five Practice Areas**

January 20, 2022

**23 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2022 Southern California Super Lawyers**

*Super Lawyers*

November 17, 2021

**Youth Athletic United Acquired Greenberg Glusker Client TGA Premier Sports**

August 19, 2021

**29 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2022 Best Lawyers® List**

April 16, 2021

**After ArcLight Cinemas' closure, what happens next?**

*Los Angeles Times*

February 3, 2021

**Dancing with Distress: Owners and Lenders Opine on 2020, Anticipation For 2021**

*Commercial Observer*

February 2, 2021

**Greenberg Glusker Secures Unanimous Trial and Appellate Victory in the Singapore International Commercial Court**

January 21, 2021

**22 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Selected to 2021 Southern California Super Lawyers**

*Super Lawyers*

August 20, 2020

**28 Greenberg Glusker Attorneys Named to 2021 Best Lawyers® List**

October 15, 2019

**Jeffrey Krieger and Wife Wendy Receive Inaugural Special Olympics Southern California Pier del Sol Humanitarian Award**

August 15, 2019

**23 Greenberg Glusker LLP Lawyers Named to 2020 Best Lawyers® List**

February 21, 2019

**"Sales Transactions" Chapter Author**

*Reviving the Financially Distressed Business*

August 15, 2018

**20 Greenberg Glusker attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers® list**

August 15, 2017

**21 Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers® list**  
*Best Lawyers*

January 17, 2017

**Ninth Circuit ruling allows landlords to seek more damages against bankrupt tenants**  
*Legal News Line*

April 16, 2015

**As Retail Bankruptcies Rise, Landlords Must Prepare**  
*GlobeSt.com*

October 29, 2014

**When Things Do Not Go As Planned in a Bankruptcy Sale**  
*Law360*

August 22, 2014

**Greenberg Glusker Client Samtech, LLC Acquires Massif Mountain Gear Company L.L.C.,**  
*United States Bankruptcy Court*

July 9, 2013

**Greenberg Glusker Wins Court Approval For Imaging3, Inc. Plan**  
*The United States Bankruptcy Court*

October 1, 2011

**Bet Tzedek Names Greenberg Glusker 2011 Pro Bono Firm of the Year**  
*Greenberg Glusker Press Release- Bet Tzedek*

May 19, 2008

**When Your Tenant Files Bankruptcy: Five Need-to-Know Rights for Commercial Landlords**  
*Greenberg Glusker Client Alert*

May 1, 2008

**My Tenant Just Filed Bankruptcy, Now What? Top Ten Considerations for Commercial Landlords**  
*AIR Waves Newsletter*

February 2, 2004

**Your Tenant Files Bankruptcy; Why a Letter of Credit is Better Than a Traditional Security Deposit**

*California Real Estate Journal*

## Bankruptcy & Insolvency Blog

Wisdom and Wit About the World of Bankruptcy & Insolvency

May 5, 2023

**Bankruptcy Round-Up: In The News**

Members of the Bankruptcy, Reorganization and Capital Recovery Group at Greenberg Glusker have been turned to for their thought leadership by several news outlets this year. Here is a round-up of our activity thus far: Brian Davidoff was quoted...

October 10, 2022

**When it Comes to Assuming Executory Contracts, a Default is a Default; But the Equities Still Matter**

The recent decision of the Ninth Circuit in *In re Hawkeye Entertainment, LLC* contains a few important takeaways with respect to the treatment of executory contracts and unexpired leases under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. First, for purposes of...

October 13, 2021

**A Decline In Chapter 11 Filings Allows Attorneys to Utilize Their Skills Elsewhere**

Due to its relation to the state of the economy, a bankruptcy lawyer's practice can be highly cyclical – actually, counter-cyclical. In the last 30 years or so we have seen a number of economic downturns – the bankruptcy boom...

June 15, 2021

**License Rights and Bankruptcy: No “Silver Linings”**

The Third Circuit's decision in *Spyglass Media Company v. Cohen* has added to what is already a tangled web of cases dealing with the rights of licensees and licensors when one of them becomes a debtor in bankruptcy. In...

January 29, 2021

**Top 10 Takeaways: Predictions and Trends for Distressed Assets**

On January 26, 2021, I participated in a distressed asset panel at the Dressed for Distressed Forum hosted by Commercial Observer along with Aaron Ratner of Empire State Realty Trust, Michael May of Silverstein Properties, and Robert Verrone of...



July 8, 2020

**To Ship or Not to Ship: 3 FAQ's for Creditors Seeking Guidance Before or During a Retail Bankruptcy**

COVID-19 has impacted an already shaky retail industry and pushed some of its participants into a rapid-fire series of bankruptcy filings. Although there was already a long list of prominent retail bankruptcies over the past several years prior to "shelter at home" orders – e.g. Toys "R" Us, Gymboree, Payless (twice), Forever 21, Barneys, Brookstone, Sears...

April 16, 2020

**What Commercial Landlords and Tenants Should Know About Tenant Bankruptcies Amid Restricted Evictions**

Recent COVID-19-related orders from state and local authorities which restrict evictions raise important questions for commercial landlords and tenants. The relationship of these orders to a subsequent tenant bankruptcy is discussed here. The answer may very well depend on...

October 11, 2017

**When Contracts and Bankruptcy Collide, a Short Term May Be Better in the Long Term**

As we learned during the downturn in 2008, the economic climate can change rapidly. When things are going well, many businesses forget the lessons of the past. No matter what industry your business is in, there may be occasions...

January 6, 2017

**The Ninth Circuit Loosens the Cap on Landlord Damages in *In re Kupfer***

Any property owner which has experienced the bankruptcy of a tenant is doubtless keenly aware of the limitation on damages which the Bankruptcy Code imposes on the landlord. A new decision by the Ninth Circuit bolsters the position of...

November 11, 2016

**November Surprise? Ninth Circuit Resurrects Post-Default Interest**

The additional "default interest" owed when a borrower defaults under a loan agreement is a technical but highly critical part of any lending arrangement. This important "default interest" was the subject of a recent Ninth Circuit decision in which...

September 2, 2015

**Who Says There Are No More Big Los Angeles Chapter 11 Cases?**

On July 30, 2015, Relativity Media, along with 144 of its affiliates, filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The multi-million dollar entertainment company, which produced films such as *The Social Network*, *The Fighter*, *Limitless*, and others, is...

April 27, 2015

**As Retail Bankruptcies Rise, Landlords Must Prepare**

Commercial landlords should take notice. Within the last several months, one women's clothing retailer after another has gone out of business. On Dec. 4, 2014, Philadelphia-based Deb Shops filed Chapter 11. Next came Delia's, based in New York...

April 22, 2015

**Retail Chapter 11 Filings Up, Bucking Bankruptcy Trends In Economic Recovery**

The economy is humming along and bankruptcy filings are at historic lows. Nevertheless, a recent trend in retail may suggest that the times, they are a-changing. Radio Shack, the 95-year-old national chain that for many years was the “go-to” store...

November 4, 2014

**When Things Do Not Go As Planned In A Bankruptcy Sale**

Editor's note: this post originally appeared in Law360 . Buying distressed assets is big business. Many distressed assets are acquired through the seller's Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. In those instances, a buyer will enter into a purchase and sale agreement with...

May 16, 2014

**When One Solution Is Better Than Two**

Over the years, clients have sought my advice after they have obtained a judgment against a limited liability company or a corporation and after they have tried, without success, to collect on that judgment. All of the typical judgment...

January 20, 2014

**To Stalk Or Not To Stalk? — That is the Question in a 363 Sale**

The biggest trend in Chapter 11 bankruptcies over the past 10 years is to sell assets through a “Section 363 sale,” named for Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, which describes the standards for sales in bankruptcy court. Previously...