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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Insolvency | Complex Business Litigation | Financial Institutions | Privacy & Data Integrity

Jamie Dreher helps clients navigate the maze of options in complex corporate reorganizations and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

As the firm's lead bankruptcy attorney, Jamie advises and represents debtors, creditors committees, and both secured and unsecured creditors in financial restructuring, commercial litigation, and planning for and navigating complex corporate reorganizations and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. In addition to representing companies and individuals as lead trial counsel in state and federal court litigation and bankruptcy courts, he is called on to counsel clients facing insolvency-related issues.

Jamie frequently represents commercial lenders in pursuing defaulted or distressed obligations, including both judicial and non-judicial enforcement mechanisms, suits and arbitrations enforcing guarantees, and foreclosures of deeds of trust. He also represents banking, financial institutions and other lenders in protecting their collateral through receiverships, and receivers in their capacity as court-appointed fiduciaries.

Based in Sacramento, Jamie serves clients throughout California, Nevada, and in major bankruptcy cases nationwide.

Experience

- Obtained \$10.0 million+ judgment for non-dischargeability, revocation of discharge, fraud and damages including fees and costs, after multi-day trial in bankruptcy court involving medical billing mismanagement, fraud, HIPAA violations, and other wrongful conduct.
- Confirmed chapter 11 plan of reorganization for luxury houseboat rental and sales operator, including payment in full to unsecured creditors and restructure of matured secured debt at favorable terms.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the SK Foods, L.P. chapter 11, one of the largest chapter.11's filed in the Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division).

- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Matterhorn, Inc. case, a large scale manufacturer of ice cream and novelty confections.
- Represented a Lake Tahoe timeshare developer in Chapter 11 including related shareholder litigation, leading to confirmation of liquidating plan.
- Confirmed Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization for organic foods retailer leading to successful post-confirmation sale of business.
- Represented the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Chapter 11 case involving a U.S subsidiary of an international medical device manufacturer, resulting in substantial distribution to unsecured creditors.
- Specialized experience in multiple charter school dissolutions and/or bankruptcies.
- Represented Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee in multiple matters, including estate sale of both a Debtor's and co-owners interest in a ranch concern in Northern Nevada.
- Defended companies from preference or fraudulent transfer actions brought in bankruptcy cases or by trustees following assignments for the benefit of creditors.
- Experienced in nondischargeability litigation, lien enforcement, judgment enforcement procedures and practice.
- Represented ownership group of multiple commercial real estate properties in partnership dispute, sale of properties in related bankruptcy and related securities fraud litigation.
- Represented both sellers and buyers of assets in bankruptcy cases, ranging from real property to intellectual property.

Professional & Community Service

- Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum, Board of Directors, 2022
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California, Bankruptcy Dispute Resolution Program, Resolution Advocate, 2008 – present
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, President, 2013; Officer, 2010 -2013
- California Lawyers Association, Business Law Section; Insolvency Law Committee, 2012 – 2015
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Lawyer Representative, 2016
- Washoe County Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- California Receivers Forum

- Federal Bar Association

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, California Western School of Law, 2000
- B.A., University of Virginia, 1996

Honors & Rankings

- Best Lawyers in America[®], Litigation-Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2018-2026
- *Super Lawyers*, Northern California Super Lawyer, Bankruptcy: Business, 2022-2025
- *SacTown Magazine* (formerly *Sacramento Magazine*), Top Lawyer, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor, 2015-2024
- *Sacramento Business Journal*, Best of the Bar, 2015-2019
- Clerkship, Honorable Christopher M. Klein, Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2002-2003
- Clerkship, Honorable Christopher M. Klein, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California, 2001-2002
- Externship, Honorable Roderick R. McKelvie, United States District Court, District of Delaware, 2000

Speaking Engagements / Events

- *Dealing with Farm Debt in the West: Practical Considerations in Preparing for and Navigating Ag Bankruptcy*, Presenter, Western Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference, June 19-20, 2025
- *Tips and Tricks for Successful Remote Appearances Including 341's, Evidentiary Hearings, and BDRP's*, Speaker, Northern California's 22nd Annual Bankruptcy Conference, March 30, 2023
- *Bankruptcy 101: An In-Depth Exploration of the Basics, Types and Limits of Bankruptcy*, Speaker, Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association General Membership Dinner Meeting, October 20, 2022
- *Federal Arbitration Act - Should I Stay or Should I Go? Enforcing Arbitration Agreements in Bankruptcy Proceedings*, Speaker, 34th Annual Insolvency Conference, May 21, 2022
- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 8: Considerations for Businesses & Employers*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, May 22, 2020
- *Business Guidance on Next Steps in Recovery for Yuba and Sutter Counties*, Greater Sacramento Economic Council, COVID-19 Webinar Series, May 15, 2020

- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 7: Considerations for Businesses & Employers*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, May 8, 2020
- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 6: Considerations for Nonprofit Organizations*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, April 24, 2020
- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 4: Considerations for Businesses & Employers*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, April 10, 2020
- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 3: Considerations for Businesses & Employers*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, April 3, 2020
- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 2: Considerations for Businesses & Employers*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, March 27, 2020
- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 1: Considerations for Businesses & Employers*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, March 20, 2020
- *Credit Disaster Roundtable*, Presenter, The Risk Management Association, Central Valley Chapter, January 30, 2020
- *Post Law v. Siegel: A Fresh Look at California Exemption Law*, Co-presenter, Central California Bankruptcy Institute, September 22, 2016
- *Recent Developments Regarding the Burden of Proof on Objections to the Claim of Exemption in California*, Co-presenter, Sacramento County Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, April 20, 2016
- *California Bankruptcy Forum 27th Annual Insolvency Conference*, Insolvency 101: Evaluating An Insolvent Entity And Rehabilitation Strategies, May 15, 2015
- *California Receivers Forum, Sacramento Valley Chapter*, Receivers Operating In Bankruptcy, April 30, 2015
- *Beware the Bankruptcy Trustee, South Placer Estate Planning Council*, Presenter, May 20, 2014
- *The Litigation Lifecycle: Panel Discussion regarding Litigating Avoidance, Relief from Stay and Other Actions and Contested Matters in Bankruptcy Court*, Presenter, California Bankruptcy Forum, 24th Annual Insolvency Conference, May 2012
- *Meet the Judge—A Panel Presentation Regarding Current Receivership Trends with Judge David Brown, California Receiver's Forum, Sacramento Valley Chapter*, Panelist, January 2012
- *Select Issues in Unsecured Creditor Committee Representation, Sacramento County Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Luncheon*, Panelist, November 16, 2011
- *Judgment Enforcement in California, Lorman Education Services*, Presenter, 2009

- *Bankruptcy in California*, Lorman Education Services, Presenter, 2009
- *FORECLOSURE 101: Basic Foreclosure, Workouts, and Real Property in Bankruptcy and What They Mean to You*, Association of Commercial Real Estate, Make More Money seminar series, Co-Presenter, 2009
- *How To Get The Upper Hand In Lease Transactions*, Association of Commercial Real Estate, Co-Presenter, 2009
- *Negotiating Commercial Leases*, Sterling Education Services, Co-Presenter, 2009

Publications

- *The Premier Cru Bankruptcy*, Guest blogger, LEX VINI Blog published by Dickenson Peatman & Fogarty, March 6, 2016
- *Case Update: Paulson v. Go Global, Inc.*, Case No. NV-12-1596-JuKiKu (Jan. 13, 2014), State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Insolvency Law Committee, Bankruptcy e-Bulletin, Co-Author, February 2014
- *Case Update: In re Hazelrigg v. United States Trustee*, Case No. WW-13-1230-TaDJu (Nov. 19, 2013), Co-Author, State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Insolvency Law Committee, Bankruptcy e-Bulletin, January 2014
- *Foreign Reorganization Plan Non-Debtors Guarantors Update-An Analysis of Ad Hoc Group of Vitro Noteholders v. Vitro SAB de CV*, State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Insolvency Law Committee, Bankruptcy e-Bulletin, June 1, 2013
- *State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Insolvency Law Committee, Bankruptcy e-Bulletin, Case Update: In re Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. et al.*, Case No. 08-13555-JMP, Co-Author, June 1, 2013
- *Chapter 9 Municipal Bankruptcy A Primer and Discussion of the Impact on Municipal Pension Obligations, Collective Bargaining Agreements and Retiree Benefits*, The Public Retirement Journal, June 2012
- *Employment Issues and Bankruptcy*, California Employer Update, August 2009

Blogs

- *California Supreme Court Clarifies Creditor Access to Spendthrift Trusts*, April 4, 2017