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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy & Insolvency | Complex Business Litigation | Family Law

Kelly Pope is an experienced litigator whose practice focuses on representing clients in family law, business litigation, and business bankruptcy matters.

Kelly specializes in civil litigation with an emphasis in family law and bankruptcy. In the family law realm, she represents clients in complex disputes involving property and business valuation, support, forensic tracing, custody, and premarital and post-marital agreements. In the bankruptcy realm, Kelly represents secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 cases, debtors in Chapter 11, and plaintiffs and defendants in bankruptcy court adversary proceedings.

Kelly represents clients who own technical, professional, industrial, and agricultural businesses. Kelly's experience also includes representing professionals including attorneys and physicians, ranchers, farmers, developers, professional athletes, investors, and homemakers. Kelly is an advocate for racial and gender equality, and enjoys a very diverse client base.

Working with forensic accountants and other forensic experts, Kelly has distinguished her practice as being one that strives for a business-like and non-litigious resolution. However, she has vast experience in the courtroom. Kelly has extensive experience in all aspects of California and federal civil procedure, including evidentiary hearings, trial, private arbitration, mediation, drafting and opposing motions, arguing motions in state and federal court, propounding and responding to discovery, taking and defending depositions, retaining and working with expert witnesses, securing provisional remedies, drafting marital settlement agreements, and drafting and opposing Chapter 11 and Chapter 13 plans of reorganization.

Despite her business acumen, Kelly is proud to handle numerous custody matters where her experience as a parent and as an avid volunteer with events involving children, has added to her ability to combine legal acuity with compassion and common sense.

The recipient of several honors in the legal field, Kelly strives for excellence while remaining committed to practicality.

Experience

Downey Brand's family law practice is particularly sensitive to the privacy of its clients, thus the family law group does not discuss specific case results.

Professional & Community Service

- Leadership Sacramento, Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation, Class of 2013
- Women Lawyers of Sacramento, 2010-present; President, 2018
- Sacramento Theatre Company, Board Member, 2017-present
- California Bankruptcy Forum Annual Insolvency Conference, 2016-present
- North Natomas Little League, Volunteer
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section
- California Lawyers Association, Family Law Section
- *UCLA Women's Law Journal*, Former Co-Editor in Chief

Education

- J.D., University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, 2004
- B.A., University of Nebraska Lincoln, 2001

Honors & Rankings

- *Sacramento Business Journal*, Best of the Bar, 2015-2016, 2019
- *Sacramento Magazine*, Top Lawyer, Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor, Eminent Domain, Family Law, 2015-2021
- *Super Lawyers*, Northern California Rising Star, 2011-2014
- Best Lawyers in America[®], Commercial Litigation, 2021
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Speaking Engagements / Events

- *COVID-19 Webinar No. 2: Considerations for Businesses & Employers*, Downey Brand COVID-19 Webinar Series, March 27, 2020

Legal Alerts

- *COVID-19 and Child Custody*, March 14, 2020