

PROFESSIONAL RESUME

RON BENDER is a founding and co-managing partner of the firm. With a large and diverse practice, Mr. Bender has successfully reorganized and sold numerous companies and restructured the financial affairs of many individuals. Mr. Bender is widely regarded as a highly creative, results oriented bankruptcy attorney who is able to tackle complex problems and develop and implement creative solutions. Mr. Bender has repeatedly been listed by "Super Lawyers" as one of the top 100 lawyers in Southern California in regional surveys of his peers. Mr. Bender received his undergraduate degree in Finance from the prestigious Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1986 where he graduated first in his class (B.S., summa cum laude), and then obtained his law degree from Stanford University Law School in 1989. During law school, Mr. Bender served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Lloyd King, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California Bankruptcy Court. Since graduating from law school, Mr. Bender has worked solely in the areas of bankruptcy, insolvency and business reorganization, and has developed one of the largest bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring practices in Southern California, including the representation of debtors, creditors' committees, creditors, purchasers of businesses, and assignees in the context of assignments for the benefit of creditors. Mr. Bender's incredibly broad Chapter 11 and insolvency debtor experience includes the the representation of [Ironclad Performance Wear](#) (a leading, technology-focused developer and manufacturer of high-performance task-specific gloves and apparel for the "industrial athlete" which was sold for \$25.25 million); representation of [Rdio](#) (a digital music service provider which was sold to Pandora for \$75 million); [Country Villa](#) (one of the largest owners and operators of skilled nursing facilities with annual revenue of more than \$200 million which was sold for \$62 million); [Pebble ABC](#) in a sale to Fitbit for \$20 million; [Jawbone ABC](#) in a sale of its Audio/Jambox line; [Gamma Medica](#) (a manufacturer of imaging systems in the biotechnology field which was sold); [Matterhorn Group](#) (a large manufacturer of novelty ice cream products which was sold); [Fat Burger](#) (a well known chain of hamburger restaurants which were sold); [Westcliff Medical Laboratories](#) (an owner and operator of 170 patient service center laboratories and labs throughout California with \$95 million of annual revenue and 1,000 employees which was sold for \$57.5 million); [LifeMasters Supported Selfcare](#) (a national disease management company with annual revenue of \$80 million which was sold); [Bodies in Motion](#) (a chain of fitness facilities which was sold for approximately \$10

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million); Max Equipment Rental (an equipment rental company which successfully reorganized); Nelson & Associates (a manufacturers' representative in the electrical industry which successfully restructured its debt); Douglas Furniture (a large furniture manufacturer); Padilla Construction (a plastering company which successfully reorganized); Lamas Beauty (a manufacturer of beauty supply products which was sold); Paramount Scaffolding (a large scaffolding rental company which was sold); Alin Party Supply (a retail chain of party supplies which successfully reorganized); Lake San Marcos Resort & Country Club; Krystal Air (an aircraft leasing company which was sold); Pacific High Reach (a large construction equipment rental company which was sold for \$17 million); Krystal Koach (a large manufacturer of limousines and shuttle buses which was sold); Small World Toys (a toy company which was sold for approximately \$16 million); Intervisual (a children's book company which was sold for approximately \$10 million); LightPointe Communications (a manufacturer of wireless networking equipment which successfully reorganized); Nicola (a large olive importer and distributor which successfully reorganized); Krispy Kreme (an owner and operator of Krispy Kreme Doughnut Stores which successfully reorganized); Pleasant Care (an owner and operator of skilled nursing facilities with annual revenue of approximately \$200 million which was sold for approximately \$17 million); Aura Systems (a publicly traded manufacturer of a mobile power generator which successfully reorganized); Sega GameWorks (a retail entertainment based company operating under the name of "GameWorks," with \$60 million of annual revenue, which was sold for approximately \$8 million); Alliant Protection Services (a commercial and residential alarm services company with 16,000 customers, which was sold for \$14.5 million); The Walking Company (a national chain of 101 retail stores selling specialty shoes and footwear, which successfully reorganized involving \$22 million of cash, debt and stock); Shoe Pavilion (a chain of 117 retail stores selling off-price footwear with locations in the Western and Southwestern United States which was sold); Gadzoox Networks (a publicly traded company engaged in the business of providing networking infrastructure for storage and data management, where one division was sold for \$8.5 million and the balance of the company successfully reorganized); State Line Hotel, State Line Casino, Jim's Enterprises (two hotels and casinos located in West Wendover, Nevada known as the State Line Hotel and Casino and the Silver Smith Hotel and Casino, which were sold for \$55 million); Management

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Action Programs (a management consulting firm that successfully reorganized); Easyrider and Paisano Publications (publicly traded publishers of thirteen national magazines, which were sold for \$12.3 million); Clifford Electronics (a manufacturer of automotive aftermarket and original equipment manufacturer security systems and components, primarily for automobiles, with annual sales of \$40 million, which was sold for \$20 million); Chorus Line Corporation and California Fashions Industries (one of the largest apparel companies in the country with annual sales of \$500 million which engaged in a Chapter 11 liquidation); Avus (a distributor of computer systems with sales of in excess of \$100 million, which was sold); A.J. Markets (chain of supermarkets sold for \$5 million); Trancas Town (owner of 35 acres of raw developable land in Malibu, California that successfully reorganized); Association of Volleyball Professionals (professional beach volleyball league sold in Chapter 11); Louise's Trattoria (chain of 16 Italian food restaurants with \$30 million in annual revenue sold in Chapter 11 for \$7 million); Westward Ho Markets (a supermarket chain with \$50 million of annual revenue and \$20 million of debt which was restructured through a confirmed Chapter 11 reorganization plan); Special Effects Unlimited (one of the largest providers of special effects in the movie industry which was restructured through a confirmed Chapter 11 reorganization plan); Santa Barbara Aerospace (a heavy aircraft maintenance facility located at the former Norton Air Force base in San Bernardino, California, which was restructured and sold); Manchester Center (a 1.5 million square foot shopping center in Fresno, California which was sold for \$25 million); Marbella Golf and County Club (a golf and country club located in San Juan Capistrano which successfully reorganized); Southwest Hospital (an acute care hospital located in Riverside which successfully reorganized); Servall Packaging Industries (a contract packaging company which was sold); Polaris Networks (a telecommunications networks and software company which successfully reorganized); and Prestige Products (a distributor of aftermarket automobile accessories which was sold). A sampling of Mr. Bender's representation of creditors' committees includes the representation of the creditors' committee in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Trigem America (a wholly-owned subsidiary of one of the largest computer manufacturers in the world located in Korea whose case is currently pending) and Robinson Golf Holdings (the owner of a large golf resort development project). Mr. Bender has also represented numerous real estate related debtors in chapter 11. Mr. Bender is also one of California's leading lawyers in the arena of assignments for the benefit of creditors.

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