

Amelia Valenzuela

Of Counsel

Amelia Valenzuela focuses her practice on all aspects of distressed loan representation, including loan restructurings, bankruptcy reorganizations, creditor's rights, and other commercial loan transactions. She has experience representing real estate investment companies, large lending institutions, private equity groups, loan servicers, debt funds, non-traditional lenders, and other classes of secured and unsecured creditors in state court and in bankruptcy proceedings under Chapters 7, 11, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Prior to joining Quarles & Brady, Amelia worked in-house for a national diversified, real estate company with complementary businesses which included residential investments, loan assets, commercial investments, brokerage, escrow, and more.

Amelia's outside counsel representative experience includes:

- Represented national banking institutions and other commercial lenders in connection with pre-bankruptcy loan restructurings, state court litigation, receivership actions, and foreclosures in connection with commercial loans.
- Represented an in-flight magazine company in a Chapter 11 proceeding.
- Represented creditors in nondischargeability, preference, and fraudulent conveyance actions.
- Represented creditors in connection with the negotiation and use of cash collateral and forms of adequate protection.
- Represented creditors in stay relief proceedings in connection with diverse types of collateral.
- Represented creditors in appellate proceedings before the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Represented municipalities in connection with district court litigation and bankruptcy proceedings.

In law school, Amelia served as a research assistant for Professor Charles Calleros and Professor James Weinstein, and also as a legal intern at Consejo Nacional de Rehabilitación y Educación Especial in Costa Rica.

Legal Services

- Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditor's Rights
- Banking & Financial Institutions
 - Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights for Financial Institutions



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- Real Estate
 - Real Estate Finance

Education and Honors

- Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013)
 - *Arizona State Law Journal*, executive note and comment editor; Order of the Coif, member
 - National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Graduate Award; William H. Pedrick Scholar
 - Center for Law and Global Affairs Fellow; Women Law Students' Association, executive board member
 - Chicano-Latino Law Student Association, member; Homeless Legal Assistance Program
- Wheaton College, Massachusetts (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2007)
 - Majors: English and Hispanic Studies
 - Dean's List
 - Balfour Scholar; Presidential Scholarship
 - High Achievement in Spanish; Academic Advising Center, preceptor

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2018
- U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit, 2017
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2017
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2013

Professional and Civic Activities

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, pathfinder, 2018
- Maricopa County Bar Association, member
- Charles W. & Patricia S. Bidwill Foundation, board member
- Judicial Extern to the Honorable Michael Daly Hawkins, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Languages

- Spanish