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Deborah Talenfeld focuses her practice primarily in the areas of corporate reorganization, aviation, life settlement frauds, bankruptcy-related litigation and appellate litigation. She has had substantial success over her career in both uncovering fraud in complex cases and recovering assets for victims.

During her many years of practice, Deborah has represented debtors, creditors, liquidating trustees, plan trustees, as well as chapter 7 and chapter 11 trustees. For 20 years, she has served as counsel to the trustee for a post-confirmation claims resolution trust, administering hundreds of product liability claims. Deborah previously served on the panel of Chapter 7 trustees for the Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida, administering thousands of corporate and individual debtor cases under Chapter 7 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Education

J.D., Hofstra University School of Law
B.A. in Psychology, *cum laude*, University of Pennsylvania

Bar Admissions

Florida

New York

Practice Teams

Business Reorganization

Practice Areas

Appellate

Aviation

Bankruptcy Litigation

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

Representative Matters

- Counsel to trustee for the Piper Aircraft Corporation Irrevocable Trust
- Counsel to chapter 7 trustee in complex life insurance settlement fraud case spanning the United States and Europe, with ongoing litigation and appeals, and continued activities in Europe to recovery assets in the United States and abroad.
- Debtor's counsel to factoring entity in Chapter 11 filing, leading to unravelment of complex fraud resulting in the return of millions of dollars to creditors
- Debtor's counsel to condominium complex in Chapter 11 filing
- Debtor's counsel to shoe store chain in Chapter 11 proceeding
- Counsel to secured creditor in hotel Chapter 11 filing and litigation, as well as ensuing district court and 11th Circuit appeals
- Counsel to private equity group in acquisition of condominium towers in Chapter 11 proceeding

Awards & Honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV® Preeminent™ rated
- *Daily Business Review*, Finalist, Top Dealmakers of the Year, Distressed Real Estate, 2011

Publications

Daily Business Review, "GARA Still a Powerful Tool in Aircraft Litigation Cases"
August 21, 2017

Doing Business in Florida Blog

The Life Settlement Industry – Bankruptcy Issues - Part 2
March 23, 2017

The Life Settlement Industry – Bankruptcy Issues - Part 1
January 17, 2017

Life Settlement Investments: Avoiding the Pitfalls in the Event the Life Settlement Company Files for Bankruptcy
July 18, 2016

Prior Affiliations

- Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin, P.L.