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BANKRUPTCY, CREDITORS' RIGHTS & BUSINESS REORGANIZATION

Both regionally and nationally, we represent secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, creditors' committees, landlords, and bankruptcy trustees in various aspects of complex bankruptcies, workouts, reorganizations, debt restructurings, creditors' rights and remedies, loan enforcement and restructuring, foreclosures, and asset sales and acquisitions. Recently, we represented a senior secured lender with more than \$60 million in debt collateralized by nearly 150 retail properties throughout the United States. We coordinated the documentation and proof of secured status on all collateral, negotiated with the debtor and its other secured lenders regarding the terms of debtor-in-possession financing and a store closing and liquidation program. As a result of our aggressive strategy, our client received 100% of its principal plus several million in pre-petition and post-petition interest, attorneys' fees and expenses, and a substantial portion of its yield maintenance premium. We have appeared as primary counsel for secured and unsecured creditors and other parties in interest in cases in 36 states and Puerto Rico.

BUSINESS LITIGATION

Lathrop & Gage has one of the largest and most experienced business litigation departments in the region. The Business Litigation Department is the single largest department in the firm and represents clients' interests nationally and regionally in all disciplines, including: class action defense, multiparty litigation, intellectual property disputes, trade secret and covenant not to compete enforcement and defense, ERISA and insurance matters, media, accounting professional liability, construction, architects and engineers professional liability, securities, loan enforcement, contract and real estate litigation. The department has many recent successes noted on our litigation web site, www.beentherewonthat.com. Among these, the department highlights successful representation of: Payless ShoeSource in a proxy fight against a group of dissident shareholders; nationwide construction litigation for the leading film exhibition company in the U.S.; nationwide counsel for class action and commercial matters for a leading automotive manufacturer; numerous financial institutions; national defense of a top ten public accounting firm; local and international media companies; national representation of the largest privately held insurance brokerage in the U. S.; and many national companies as regional counsel.

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