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Alissa helps banks, lending institutions, creditors, and corporate clients navigate bankruptcy, restructuring, and commercial disputes so they can protect their interests and move forward with confidence.

Alissa's practice centers on bankruptcy and financial restructuring, creditors' rights litigation and enforcement, commercial litigation, and healthcare litigation. She advises clients through chapter 11 bankruptcies, loan workouts and restructuring, receiverships, foreclosure actions, and deficiency proceedings.

Alissa represents clients on both sides of restructuring matters. She has served as co-lead counsel for debtors in chapter 11 reorganizations and regularly advises banks and other creditors on enforcement strategy. Her work spans the full arc of a distressed situation — from early workout negotiations through contested confirmation proceedings.

In addition to her restructuring practice, Alissa litigates commercial disputes in state and federal court. She also represents clients in healthcare litigation and in administrative hearings, bringing courtroom and hearing-room experience to a sector where regulatory and litigation risk often intersect.

Alissa is admitted to practice in Arizona, California, and New York.

She is a past president of the Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court.

Select Experience

- Co-Lead counsel for Debtor in successful Chapter 11 Reorganization of healthcare company with \$40 million + annual revenue; objections of Primary Creditor (and competitor trying to drive debtor out of business through litigation) were overruled following a total of 8 days of contested confirmation spanning two separate trials.
- Co-lead counsel for Chapter 11 debtor in successful appeal of ruling on fees in

Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D., 2008)
- Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management (Certificate, Leadership Program, 2018)
- University of Southern California (B.A., 2003)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- California
- New York

Subchapter V case with issue of first impression.

- Lead counsel for landlord in Chapter 11 case and obtained administrative expense claim.
- Lead counsel for bank in preference action brought by bankruptcy trustee resulting in dismissal of litigation by trustee.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges NextGen Steering Committee
- Commercial Law League of America, Bankruptcy Section Executive Council
- State Bar of Arizona Bankruptcy Executive Council
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), Member of Arizona chapter
- UMOM (Board of Directors, 2019-2022)
- Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court (President, 2019 – 2020; Member, 2011-2022)

Accolades

- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Arizona Justice Project Case Review Team), 2025
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Star," 2014-2020
- NCBJ Next Generation, Class of 2017

Select Presentations

- Presenter, *Smooth Sailing Through Evidentiary Issues in Subchapter V Non-Dischargeability Trials*, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, October 2026 Annual Conference

Insights

March 26, 2025

Partner Alissa Castañeda in Bloomberg Law Discussing SCOTUS “U.S v. Miller” Decision

January 2, 2023

Alissa Brice Castañeda Included in the List of Top 25 Attorneys of Arizona

