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Jane Pearson effectively solves companies' legal problems and produces outcomes aligning with their business objectives. Jane's practice focuses on financial restructuring and strategic advice in the complex areas of insolvency, bankruptcy, creditors rights and commercial transactions.

With over 35 years of experience, clients turn to her for counsel in bankruptcies and receiverships, and out-of-court asset sales, commercial foreclosure, restructuring and workouts to meet best practices in the industry. She has represented a wide variety of clients, including lenders, secured and unsecured creditors, equity interest holders, committees and trustees, on matters related to workouts and Chapter 11 cases.

Jane also has extensive experience in resolving Ponzi schemes through the Chapter 11 plan confirmation process. In addition, she served as a past president of the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington and as a previous co-chair of the Western District of Washington Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Education

- Seattle University School of Law (J.D., 1982)
- University of Puget Sound (B.A., *Phi Kappa Phi*, 1979)
 - Political Science Honors
 - cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

Capabilities

- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Finance

Memberships

- President, Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington, 2011-2012
- Lawyer Representative, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference for the Western District of Washington, 2009-2011
 - Co-chair, 2010-2011
- Co-Chair, Bankruptcy Committee, Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington, 2005-2008
- Standing Advisory Committee for the Eastern District of Washington Bankruptcy Court, 2012-2016
- Editor, Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook, 3rd Edition, 2014
- Director, Full Life Care, 2010-2017
- Executive Committee Chair, Washington Research Council, 2001-2005
- Volunteer, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, 2001-2003
- American Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington
- Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association

Recognition

- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Leading Individual, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Washington, 2015-2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for:
 - Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Law, 2010-2026
 - Commercial Litigation, 2010-2026
- Washington *Super Lawyers*, 2005-2007, 2011-2022
- Selected for inclusion in Lawdragon's 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, 2020, 2022-2025
- AV Rating, *Martindale Hubbell*
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Best in the Business: Leading Lawyers in the Puget Sound Region, *Seattle Business* magazine
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization, 2013 Commercial Litigation, 2013
- 2010 Top Lawyer, *Seattle Metropolitan* magazine
- Top Lawyers in Washington, Financial Markets and Services, *Washington CEO* magazine, 2008

Matters

- Represented Official Consolidated Investors' Committee in Meridian Investment Funds consolidated bankruptcy cases, which was largest Ponzi to date in Western District of Washington, with over 750 individuals who were defrauded of over \$150 million in what appeared to be a real estate investment company. Confirmed Joint Plan of Liquidation with chapter 11 trustee, and represent the Oversight Committee in performance of its duties under the Liquidating Trust created under the Plan. Local counsel for prosecution of causes of action held by individual investors arising from

any matter regarding the Meridian Funds transferred to the Liquidating Trust.

- Represented a private investment company in its acquisition, through the formation of Bennu Glass LLC and foreclosure of senior liens, of the assets of a glass bottle manufacturing facility in Kalama, Washington; served as Bennu's outside counsel during its repair and operation of the plant, marketing through Mesirow Financial and sale to a division of Owens-Illinois.
- Represented Official Unsecured Creditors Committee in the chapter 11 case of Natural Molecular Testing Corporation, a debtor in the pharmacogenomics testing industry. Obtained authority to pursue estate's claims against principal, and appointment of a chapter 11 trustee. Represent trustee in prosecution of claims against principal.
- Represented shareholder of Debtor in bitcoin mining business, and obtained dismissal of chapter 11 case to permit liquidation of bitcoins and resolution of claims outside bankruptcy.
- Represent individual owners of closely held companies in a variety of industries in connection with the sale of their interests or the assets of their companies.
- Represented American global chain of hamburger fast food restaurants in franchisee bankruptcy cases.
- Represented national loan servicer in workouts, foreclosures and loan sales.
- Represent lessees in various bankruptcy cases throughout the country.
- Represent national retailer in various bankruptcy cases throughout the country.