



## Jon Pearson

Of Counsel

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**Jon is an experienced trial lawyer who has managed and led all aspects of high-stakes litigation. He has a proven track record both in and out of the courtroom of meeting his clients' goals through efficient and effective representation.**

### PRACTICES

Class Actions  
 Commercial Litigation  
 Antitrust and Trade Regulation  
 Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights  
 Securities Enforcement and Shareholder Litigation  
 Government Investigations and White Collar Defense  
 Financial Institutions Litigation  
 International Arbitration  
 Alternative Dispute Resolution

### EDUCATION

California Western School of Law, J.D., 2006  
*cum laude*  
*California Western Law Review*, Associate Writer and Editor  
*California Western International Law Journal*, Associate Writer and Editor  
 Temple University, B.A., 2001

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Delaware  
 Nevada  
 New Jersey  
 Pennsylvania

With more than ten years of experience, Jon has represented clients in a wide range of high-profile complex commercial litigation and regulatory matters, including securities, corporate control, and antitrust disputes. His practice focuses on representing corporations as well as alternative entities, officers and directors, and stockholders in litigation involving mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance disputes, proxy contests, derivative suits, class actions involving allegations of breach of fiduciary duty, and regulatory enforcement actions relating to corporate transactions. Before returning to Nevada in 2018, Jon played a leading role in high-stakes corporate governance and merger-and-acquisitions litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Jon also has extensive experience representing distressed investors, lenders, litigation trustees, indenture trustees, trade creditors, and other parties in some of the most complex corporate restructurings matters, including representing an array of swap counterparties in *In re Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.*

### CLIENT RESULTS

**Before joining Holland & Hart, Jon worked on the following Complex Litigation and Arbitration Matters**

- Represented a large investment banking firm in lawsuits concerning the enforcement of forum-selection clauses in contracts for the issuance and broker-dealer of auction-rate securities
- Represented a bank syndicate in a \$500 million litigation involving the Town Square Mall in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Represented a pharmaceutical company against claims that it unlawfully extended its alleged monopoly by engaging in petitioning activity before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in defense of hundreds of individual claims for personal injury related to a pharmaceutical product
- Represented biotechnology companies before the Federal Trade Commission relating to proposed mergers
- Represented investment funds in action against investors to

- compel payment of unpaid capital contributions
- Represented plaintiffs in a three-week International Chamber of Commerce arbitration hearing involving breach of a licensing agreement
- Counseled on antitrust issues raised by IP licensing and acquisitions

**Before joining Holland & Hart, Jon worked on Class Action, Derivative, and Other Corporate Litigation Matters**

- Represented lead plaintiffs in stockholder litigation that resulted in a \$92.5 million settlement
- Senior member of the team that prosecuted an unprecedented stockholder derivative case against a large media company arising from the systemic sexual and workplace harassment which led to a landmark settlement that included a significant financial recovery and unprecedented corporate governance reforms
- Secured dismissal with prejudice at the pleading stage for a Singaporean national involving claims brought against him under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934
- Secured dismissal with prejudice at the pleading stage of securities fraud class action brought against a Nevada publicly traded company
- Represented stockholders to enjoin annual meeting of corporation so they could elect a competing slate of directors
- Represented stockholders and corporations in Delaware books-and-records demands
- Represented petitioners in Delaware appraisal litigation

**Before joining Holland & Hart, Jon worked on the following Governmental and Regulatory Investigations**

- Successfully obtained a no-action letter for a company undergoing a confidential investigation by the SEC
- Represented numerous traders in investigations by FINRA concerning credit default swaps
- Represented numerous financial services companies in responding to civil investigative demands issued by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in areas including credit cards, mortgages, payment processing, credit card add-on products, and debt collection
- Represented financial institutions in investigations by the Office of Foreign Assets Control

**Before joining Holland & Hart, Jon worked on the following Restructuring Matters**

- Represented an array of swap counterparties—from large financial institutions, hedge funds, and public entities—in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and related litigation involving bankruptcy

law's treatment of derivatives, swap agreements, and other complex financial products

- Represented a bank holding company as counsel to debtors, obtaining confirmation of a plan that included releases of non-debtor third parties
- Represented the senior-secured lender owed more than \$209 million in bankruptcy proceedings in southern Arizona involving the acquisition of two major resorts
- Represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in a \$50 million adversary proceeding brought by a former gaming license holder
- Represented largest holder of pension obligation bonds in the City of Detroit chapter 9 bankruptcy case
- Represented shopping center and industrial landlords in tenant bankruptcy cases throughout the United States, including American Apparel, Radio Shack, United Retail, Ritz Camera, General Motors Corp., and Circuit City Stores, Inc.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Student Loans (and Other Things) You Can Never Discharge Under Bankruptcy?," *The American Law Journal*, March 9, 2015

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"Fashionable Trends in Consumer Fraud," *American Bankruptcy Institute's Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop*, August 6, 2016

"What is the CFPB and Why Do I Care?," *American Bankruptcy Institute's Annual Spring Meeting*, Washington, D.C., April 15, 2016

"You Can't Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy - Or Can You?," *ABI Workshop*, Alexandria, VA, November 15, 2013

"Bankruptcy Developments for Clubs and Hotels," *Colorado Law Institute-CLE International, 15th Annual Conference - Resort Development*, Vail, CO, December 8, 2011

## **RECOGNITION**

- Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, 2021
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, Rising Star, 2015
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®; Rising Star; 2010, 2012, 2015-2016
- *Nevada Business Magazine*, Nevada Legal Elite, 2011