

Foley Adds Bankruptcy Partner in Los Angeles

Foley & Lardner LLP announced that Ashley McDow has joined the firm's Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations practice as partner in the Los Angeles office. Prior to joining Foley, she was a partner at Baker Hostetler LLP.

In a release, the firm said McDow's practice focuses primarily on bankruptcy and commercial law both nationally and in California. She represents businesses on all sides of the bankruptcy process, notably debtors in possession and creditor committees in Chapter 11 reorganizations, Chapters 7 and 11 trustees, as well as parties to various adversary proceedings. McDow advises clients across industries, including advertising, aviation, commercial real estate, entertainment, finance, franchising, health care, manufacturing, retail and technology.

"Ashley has a proven track record generating outstanding results for her clients," said Jill Nicholson, chair of Foley's Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations practice. "Ashley's experience will be a tremendous asset to our team, both on a national level and as we further expand our practice in California."

The release continues:

A snapshot of McDow's representative experience includes negotiating with secured creditors on behalf of debtors, representing unsecured creditors and liquidating trusts, handling settlement agreements and counseling on individual bankruptcy cases. Her work with Chapters 7 and 11 trustees, Chapter 11 reorganizations and a Chapter 9 bankruptcy case spans an array of businesses and notably includes assisting with the recovery and administration of patented and

unpatented mining claims worth nearly \$1 billion, as well as assisting with the defusing of a contentious dispute and negotiation of a settlement agreement in tandem with the claims.

In California, McDow has a strong local presence and is a leader in the legal community. She is chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Executive Committee of the Commercial Law Section and of the Executive Committee of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section. She is also an active member of the Los Angeles County Bar Advisory Board. In addition, McDow is on the editorial board of the California Bankruptcy Journal, where she regularly authors publications on key issues in bankruptcy and commercial law.

"Ashley's considerable experience across a range of bankruptcy and commercial law matters spanning many industries perfectly complements the firm's growing practice in California," said Jeff Atkin, managing partner of Foley's Los Angeles office. "She is well respected by her peers both nationally and regionally, and we are thrilled to have her join our team."