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Susan G. Boswell



Susan Boswell grew up in Southern Arizona where she continues to reside and practice law. She attended the University of Arizona for both her undergraduate and law degrees and remains an avid Wildcat fan.

In 1976, she received her J.D. from the University of Arizona and was later honored as the Outstanding Graduate of the James C. Rogers School of Law (a.k.a. the University of Arizona School of Law). She started her legal career at Molloy Jones & Donahue, at what was then the second largest firm in Tucson. She became a partner in 1980 and served on the firm's Executive Committee for four years prior to joining Streich Lang (which merged with Quarles & Brady in 2000) in 1987. Since joining Streich Lang, she served on various firm committees including the Compensation Committee, Executive Committee and Diversity Committee.

She has been committed to the advancement of women in the profession and to diversity for many years. She was a member of the group that founded the first chapter of the Arizona Women Lawyer's Association. She chaired the first Diversity Committee at Streich Lang and was the primary force behind its formation and instrumental in having the firm start a diversity training program for lawyers and staff. She was also active in promoting and speaking at diversity programs sponsored by the ABA Law Practice Management Section.

Ms. Boswell has a national bankruptcy and business reorganization practice. In more than 25 years of bankruptcy practice, she has become familiar with all kinds of industries, including healthcare, hotels, transportation (including airlines), retail, numerous types of manufacturing, e-commerce, financial institutions, asset-based lending (both accounts and equipment), equipment leasing

and finance, agribusiness and real estate. She also has expertise in reorganizing non-profit entities with an emphasis on religious entities.

Ms. Boswell was the lead attorney in the second Roman Catholic Diocese to file a Chapter 11 and brought that matter to confirmation of a plan of reorganization and occurrence of the effective date one year from filing date. To date that Diocese is the only one to have confirmed a plan and emerged as a reorganized entity. She also maintains an active practice for other types of matters including representation of one of the nation's largest equipment leasing and finance companies in cases throughout the United States, including cases involving high tech manufacturing, transportation (including shipping) and tool manufacturing.

She is the recipient of many honors and awards such as: Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy; Lawyer Representative to the 9th Circuit Judicial Conference; Woman of Influence - Inside Tucson Business; and Best Lawyers in America.

She is also very active in the community and has served on various non-profit boards, including the Tucson Airport Authority and Carondelet Health Network, which is the largest healthcare network in Southern Arizona.

She has been the Managing Partner of the Tucson office of Streich Lang and now Quarles & Brady since 1998. She has also been a speaker at numerous seminars and programs throughout the United States on management and substantive legal issues. She has, throughout her career, tried to give back to the profession and the community and set an example for others.