

Professional Experience

Bankruptcy Attorney

McClain & Howell Law Firm, Simi Valley, CA | August 2018 - Present

- Review client intake forms to determine if Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 filing would be more appropriate
- Represent clients at meetings of creditors and other proceedings related to their bankruptcy filings
- Complete all required bankruptcy filings, including statements of financial affairs and schedules of secured and unsecured debts
- Advise clients on whether it would be more beneficial to take federal or state personal-property exemptions in their bankruptcy filings
- Counsel clients in Chapter 13 bankruptcy on how to make their required monthly debt payments

Staff Attorney

Crispell & Associates, Simi Valley, CA | September 2013 - August 2018

- Prepare bankruptcy filings for clients who qualified for Chapter 7/no-asset bankruptcy
- File civil suits against third-party debt collectors found to be in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- Determine the most advantageous way to apply personal-property exemptions in client bankruptcy filings
- Counsel clients on alternative solutions if they did not qualify for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, such as debt negotiation or Chapter 13 bankruptcy

Education

Juris Doctor

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law | Los Angeles, CA, May 2013

Certifications

- Board Certification, Consumer Bankruptcy Law (American Board of Certification)

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Bankruptcy attorney with seven years of experience and membership in the Pennsylvania Bar Association and New Jersey Bar Association. Experience handling Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 personal bankruptcy cases as well as suits filed under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Fair Credit Reporting Act. Applicant was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 2018, qualifying him to argue cases in front of the United States Supreme Court as needed.

Key Skills

- Client counseling
- Negotiation with third-party debt collectors
- FDCPA and FCRA lawsuits; Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy filings
- Case management
- Staff supervision