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A seasoned attorney who focuses on representing creditors in secured transactions, receiverships, bankruptcies, and workout proceedings.

Her client base includes lenders, leasing companies, trade creditors, trustees, and receivers. She is widely recognized for her solution-oriented approach to problem-solving, which has earned her high acclaim in the legal community.

Clients have consistently praised her skills, professionalism, and commitment to service, noting her ability to quickly analyze problems and provide decisive action. She is dedicated to providing exceptional service to her clients and is a trusted advisor for her clients who require sound advice and effective strategies.

Chambers USA singled her out as a standout legal practitioner and recognized her as a top-ranking attorney in Foster Garvey's Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy practice. Clients have also lauded her skills and approach to client service, with comments such as:

"Deborah is very professional, well reasoned and one of our primary attorneys. She is very strong for her client service and general level of service, commercial awareness and vision and level of sophistication."

"Deborah consistently goes above and beyond to deliver high quality and timely assistance in matters. She is quickly able to turn requests around and is confident in her responses related

Services

Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental
Commercial & Real Estate Finance
Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
Financial Services
Real Estate

Admissions

Washington, 1992
Oregon, 2004
U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2005
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 1993
U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 1992
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, 1996

to questions or strategy. She is often relied upon. She is a favorite attorney and is usually the first person recommended to work on matters for us. She is very strong for her client service and general level of service, commercial awareness and vision and level of sophistication."

Education

J.D., Seattle University School of Law (*cum laude*), 1992

- Fredric Cutner Tausend Moot Court Competition, Semifinalist, 1991
- Order of the Barristers, Member

M.S., University of Massachusetts, 1985

Honours Bachelor of Commerce, Laurentian University, 1982

Honors & Recognition

Chambers USA (Washington) Leading Individual, Bankruptcy/Restructuring Law, 2012-present

The Best Lawyers in America®

- Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2011-present
- Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" in Washington - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights, 2021

Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, 2020 and 2022-2024

Washington Super Lawyers list, 2003-2009, 2012-present

2010 Top Lawyer, *Seattle Metropolitan* magazine

Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers list, 2001

Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating

Professional Activities

American Bankruptcy Institute, Trustee

- Business Reorganization Committee, Former Co-Chair
- Committee to the Commission Studying Changes to Chapter 11
- Publications Committee

King County Bar Association, Member

Oregon Bar Association, Member

- Debtor-Creditor Subsection

Washington State Bar Association, Member

- Debtor-Creditor Subsection

Community Activities

Consumer Education and Training Services (CENTS), Former Board Member

Northwest Kidney Centers Foundation, Former Board Member

Swedish Medical Center Foundation

- Former Board Member
- Former Campaign Planning Committee Member

News

65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.24

14 Attorneys Named to 2024 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Gant Featured Among Top Attorneys

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.24

Deborah Crabbe and Tara Schleicher Recognized on Lawdragon's 2024 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers List

6.14.24

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2024 Chambers USA Guide; 20 Attorneys and 10 Practices Ranked

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.6.24

57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.17.23

13 Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Washington Super Lawyers Lists

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.23

Deborah Crabbe and Tara Schleicher Recognized on Lawdragon's 2023 Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers List

6.16.23

Foster Garvey Receives Honors in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.23

45 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among *The Best Lawyers In America*®
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.18.22

12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.14.22

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Leading Law Firms in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide;
21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.22

Deborah Crabbe and Tara Schleicher Featured on 2022 Lawdragon 500 List of Leading
Bankruptcy & Restructuring Attorneys
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 1.14.22

38 Attorneys Named 2022 Best Lawyers in America; 11 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.19.21

11 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2021
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.15.21

Foster Garvey Named Among Leading Law Firms in *Chambers USA*; Three Attorneys Added to
Rankings
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.20.21

Deborah Crabbe Interviewed by Legalist for "How to Make Partner" Podcast
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.28.20

43 Attorneys Named 2021 *Best Lawyers in America*; 10 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.20.20

Bankruptcy Attorneys Featured in Inaugural Lawdragon List
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.27.20

11 Attorneys Named Washington Super Lawyers and Five Named Rising Stars
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.16.20

Foster Garvey Named Among Top Firms in *Chambers USA*, Including Ranking of Six New
Attorneys
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 4.23.20

50 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named 2020 *Best Lawyers in America*
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.19

32 Attorneys Named Super Lawyers and Eight Named Rising Stars
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.10.19

Foster Garvey Named Among Top Firms in *Chambers USA*, Including Nationwide Ranking in New Focus Area

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 4.25.19

Speaking Engagements

ABI/NCBJ Conference Roundtables, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Speaking Engagement

Chicago, IL, 10.10.14

"Distinctions With Differences: Guarantors, Co-Borrowers, Accommodation Parties; and When to Use Cross-Collateralization Clauses and Cross-Default Clauses," Risk Management

Association Puget Sound Chapter Spring Seminar

Speaking Engagement

May 2012

"2012 Utility Payment Collections," Washington Public Treasurer's Association 25th Annual Conference

Speaking Engagement

Chelan, WA, 4.18.12

"2008 Utility Payment Collections and Liens," Washington Public Treasurers Association

Speaking Engagement

Chelan, WA, 4.13.07

"Right Without a Remedy?: Individual and Small Business chapter 11 Under the New Code," ABI Winter Leadership Conference

Speaking Engagement

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, 12.6.05

Panel Discussion on Bankruptcy Trends, Washington State Federal Bar Program

Speaking Engagement

December 2005

"Bankruptcy Issues," Washington Collection Law, Including an Update on Bankruptcy Reform, Lorman Education Services

Speaking Engagement

July 2005

Legal Alerts

Supreme Court Clarifies That Section 362(a)(3) Does Not Prohibit the Mere Retention of a Debtor's Property

1.28.21

Chuck E. Cheese and *Pier 1* Rulings Highlight Risks and Considerations for Commercial Property Landlords and Tenants in Bankruptcy Proceedings

1.15.21

Ninth Circuit Opens the Door to Limited Nonconsensual Third Party Releases in Chapter 11 Plans

8.18.20

(Not-So) Small Business Reorganization Act: CARES Act Expands SBRA Eligibility

4.6.20

Publications

"Are Non-Debtor Releases/Permanent Injunctions Authorized Under the Bankruptcy Code?"

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, May 2003

"Dot Com Windups Using State Law," National Business Institute (Monograph)

National Business Institute (Monograph), 2001

"Should an Oversecured Creditor be Entitled to Post-Petition Interest at the Default Rate?"

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, March 1998

"Dealing with Bankruptcy," National Business Institute (Monograph)

National Business Institute (Monograph), 1997

"To Be Inventory or Not To Be Inventory - That is the Question: Auto Dealerships Bankruptcies Create Confusing Landscape for Secured Creditors," *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, 1997