

PROFESSIONAL RÉSUMÉ

RON BENDER is a founding and co-managing partner of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Golubchik L.L.P., one of the premier insolvency boutique law firms in the State of California. The firm was founded in 1995. Ron has successfully reorganized and restructured the debt of numerous companies, sold countless companies, and restructured the financial affairs and debts of many individuals. He is widely regarded as a highly creative, results oriented bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring attorney who is able to tackle complex financial and legal problems and develop and implement creative solutions. Ron has repeatedly been listed by “Super Lawyers” as one of the top 100 lawyers in Southern California in regional surveys of his peers.

Ron received his undergraduate degree in Finance from the prestigious Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1986 where he graduated first in his class (B.S., summa cum laude), and then obtained his law degree from Stanford University Law School in 1989. During law school, Mr. Bender served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Lloyd King, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California Bankruptcy Court.

Ron has one of the largest bankruptcy and insolvency practices in the State of California, having represented hundreds of chapter 11 debtors. A sampling of some or Ron’s chapter 11 bankruptcy representations includes: a 400,000 square foot shopping center in Lynwood, California known as “**Plaza Mexico**” that Ron recently sold for \$164 million; the **TRX** exercise band company that Ron recently sold for \$11.1 million; **Zacky and Sons Poultry** (a large grower, processor, packager and seller of chicken and turkey related products) that Ron recently sold for approximately \$40 million; **West Coast Distribution** (a premier technology driven supply chain management, logistics warehousing, fulfillment and 3PL distribution services provider for the apparel industry) that Ron recently sold; **Tatung Company of America** (a manufacturer and distributor of consumer electronics with over \$20 million assets that Ron successfully reorganized); **NAI Capital** (the well known commercial real estate brokerage firm that Ron successfully sold); **Ironclad Performance Wear** (a leading, technology-focused developer and manufacturer of high-performance task-specific gloves and apparel for the “industrial athlete” that Ron sold for \$25 million); **Rdio** (a digital music service provider) that Ron sold to Pandora for \$75 million; **Country Villa** (one of the largest owners and operators of skilled nursing facilities



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with annual revenue of more than \$200 million that Ron sold for \$62 million); **Pebble ABC** in a sale to Fitbit for \$20 million; **Gamma Medica** (a manufacturer of imaging systems in the biotechnology field that Ron sold); **Matterhorn Group** (a large manufacturer of novelty ice cream products that Ron sold); **Fat Burger** (the well known chain of hamburger restaurants that Ron sold); **Westcliff Medical Laboratories** (an owner and operator of 170 patient service center laboratories and labs throughout California with \$95 million of annual revenue and 1,000 employees that Ron sold for \$57.5 million); **LifeMasters Supported Selfcare** (a national disease management company with annual revenue of \$80 million that Ron sold); **Bodies in Motion** (a chain of fitness facilities that Ron sold for approximately \$10 million); **Max Equipment Rental** (an equipment rental company that Ron successfully reorganized); **Nelson & Associates** (a manufacturers' representative in the electrical industry that Ron successfully reorganized); **Alin Party Supply** (a retail chain of party supplies that Ron successfully reorganized); **Lake San Marcos Resort & Country Club**; **Pacific High Reach** (a large construction equipment rental company that Ron sold for \$17 million); **Krystal Koach** (a large manufacturer of limousines and shuttle buses that Ron sold); **Small World Toys** (a toy company that Ron sold for approximately \$16 million); **Intervisual** (a children's book company that Ron sold for approximately \$10 million); **LightPointe Communications** (a manufacturer of wireless networking equipment that Ron successfully reorganized); **Nicola** (a large olive importer and distributor that Ron successfully reorganized); **Krispy Kreme** (an owner and operator of Krispy Kreme Doughnut Stores that Ron successfully reorganized); **Pleasant Care** (an owner and operator of skilled nursing facilities with annual revenue of approximately \$200 million that Ron sold for approximately \$17 million); **Sega GameWorks** (a retail entertainment based company operating under the name of "GameWorks," with \$60 million of annual revenue, that Ron sold for approximately \$8 million); **Alliant Protection Services** (a commercial and residential alarm services company with 16,000 customers that Ron sold for \$14.5 million); **The Walking Company** (a national chain of 101 retail stores selling specialty shoes and footwear that Ron successfully reorganized); **Shoe Pavilion** (a chain of 117 retail stores selling off-price footwear with locations in the Western and Southwestern United States that Ron sold); **Gadzoox Networks** (a publicly traded company engaged in the business of providing networking infrastructure for storage and data management, where

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one division was sold for \$8.5 million and the balance of the company successfully reorganized); **State Line Hotel, State Line Casino, Jim's Enterprises** (two hotels and casinos located in West Wendover, Nevada known as the State Line Hotel and Casino and the Silver Smith Hotel and Casino that Ron sold for \$55 million); **Easyrider** and **Paisano Publications** (publicly traded publishers of thirteen national magazines that Ron sold for \$12.3 million); **Clifford Electronics** (a manufacturer of automotive aftermarket and original equipment manufacturer security systems and components, primarily for automobiles, with annual sales of \$40 million, that Ron sold for \$20 million); **Chorus Line Corporation** and **California Fashions Industries** (one of the largest apparel companies in the country at that time with annual sales of \$500 million); **Avus** (a distributor of computer systems with sales of in excess of \$100 million that Ron sold); **A.J. Markets** (chain of supermarkets that Ron sold for \$5 million); **Trancas Town** (owner of 35 acres of raw developable land in Malibu, California that Ron successfully reorganized); **Association of Volleyball Professionals** (professional beach volleyball league that Ron sold); **Louise's Trattoria** (chain of 16 Italian food restaurants with \$30 million in annual revenue that Ron sold for \$7 million); **Westward Ho Markets** (a supermarket chain with \$50 million of annual revenue and \$20 million of debt that Ron successfully reorganized); **Special Effects Unlimited** (one of the largest providers of special effects in the movie industry that Ron successfully reorganized); **Santa Barbara Aerospace** (a heavy aircraft maintenance facility located at the former Norton Air Force base in San Bernardino, California, that Ron successfully reorganized and then sold); **Manchester Center** (a 1.5 million square foot shopping center in Fresno, California that was Ron sold for \$25 million); **Marbella Golf and Country Club** (a golf and country club located in San Juan Capistrano that Ron successfully reorganized); **Southwest Hospital** (an acute care hospital located in Riverside that Ron successfully reorganized). Ron has also represented countless owners of real estate in chapter 11 that have resulted in successful sales or reorganizations.

Ron is also one of California's leading lawyers and preeminent experts in the field of Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors (ABC's), having represented assignees in approximately 200 ABC's.

Ron is also a frequent author and speaker on bankruptcy and insolvency matters.