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### Areas of Practice

Litigation/Trial Practice | Arbitration | Bankruptcy/Creditors Rights | Banking/Financial Institutions

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Anne K. Edwards is a Partner in the Litigation Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Ms. Edwards handles commercial, real estate and financial services litigation on behalf of lenders, CMBS Trusts, special services and master servicers, owners, landlords, tenants, contractors, guarantors and related professionals. Her trial practice and experience is broad based, having litigated and tried cases in both federal and state courts. She also has many years of experience in counseling clients regarding strategic planning for real property-related interests, both before and during distressed crises, including when to use litigation, when to foreclose a loan, obtain a judgment on a guaranty, terminate a tenancy, or enforce rights of landlords, lenders, borrowers, or other creditors in bankruptcy proceedings or out-of-court restructurings.

Ms. Edwards has been recognized as a California Super Lawyer, is a member of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section for the Los Angeles County Bar Association and is on the board of the California Receiver's Forum.

Ms. Edwards has provided pro bono assistance as a volunteer with the Debtor Assistance Project through the USBC Central District of California in connection with 11 USC section 523(a) nondischargeability complaints. She has provided pro bono assistance to the Alliance for Children's Rights by her involvement with foster care litigation matters and has, through the Tahiri Justice Center, assisted immigrants in either obtaining an Adjustment of Status under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) or obtaining a U visa.

Ms. Edwards received her B.A. degree in Sociology from University of Maryland, College Park, and received her J.D. Degree from Western State University College of Law, San Diego, California in 1983.

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She was the recipient of an Am Jur award in Contracts and Wills and participated in student government and the Traynor Moot Court competition, winning runner up as to best brief. Ms. Edwards' interests include swimming, skiing, and scuba diving, and visiting family at the Jersey Shore each summer.

## **Admissions**

California

U.S. District Court Central District of California

U.S. District Court Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court Northern District of California

U.S. District Court Southern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit

## **Memberships**

Los Angeles County Bar Association

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