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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- ◆ Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring
- ◆ Business Law
- ◆ Class Action & Consumer Litigation
- ◆ Commercial Litigation
- ◆ Debtor-Creditor
- ◆ Employee Benefits & Retirement Security (ERISA)
- ◆ Fiduciary Breach
- ◆ Financial Products & Services
- ◆ Institutional Investors
- ◆ International Law
- ◆ Real Estate Securities

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania
B.A., *cum laude*, 1976

**Arizona State University of
College of Law**
J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1982,
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Gary Gotto's diverse experience helps him meet his clients' diverse needs.

Gary is a senior member of Keller Rohrback's nationally recognized Complex Litigation Group and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He has a broad range of practice experience and interests, including securities litigation, ERISA breach of fiduciary duty litigation, Chapter 11 bankruptcy litigation, corporate and real estate transactional work, securities compliance, and general commercial and ERISA litigation. Gary was extensively involved in representing the Federal Home Loan Banks of Chicago, Indianapolis, and Boston in securities litigation against Wall Street and international banks involving the multi-billion dollar mortgage-backed securities portfolios of the FHLBs. He has also handled a number of large ERISA fiduciary breach matters, including ERISA class cases on behalf of employees of Enron, WorldCom, Global Crossing and Xerox, as well cases on behalf of participants in private ESOPs. Gary is currently the senior member of the Keller Rohrback team handling California False Claims Act and unjust enrichment actions on behalf of a municipality against certain investment banks and advisors relating to the municipality's entry into certain derivative transactions. Gary has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America since 2001 in the areas of securities and ERISA litigation as well as bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights matters.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

1982, State Bar of Arizona

1982, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

2005, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

2006, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2006, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

2007, United States Supreme Court

2010, United States District Court for the District of North Dakota

2011, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

2015, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

2016, State Bar of Montana

2017, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

2018, United States District Court for the District of Montana

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

State Bar of Arizona, Member; Subcommittee on Revising the Limited Partnership Act, Business Law Section, *Chair* 1991

Arizona State University College of Law, *Adjunct Professor Law* 1989

HONORS & AWARDS

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- Litigation - ERISA
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Securities
- Commercial Litigation
- Mass Tort Litigation/ Class Actions - Plaintiffs

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer, *Chapter 11 Reorganizations*, Stanford Law School (2003).

Co-author, Arizona Legal Forms: *Limited Liability Companies and Partnerships* (1996-2002).

Guest Lecturer, *Chapter 11 Reorganizations*, Harvard Law School (1996-1997, 1999, 2001, 2002).

Co-author, *Limited Liability Companies and Partnerships* (1996-1997).

Speaker, *Negotiating and Drafting Acquisition Agreements in Arizona*, National Business Institutes (1997).

Speaker, *Choice of Business Entity in Arizona*, National Business Institutes (1996).

Speaker, *Limited Liability Companies*, National Business Institutes (1994).

Speaker, *Non-Corporate Business Forms*, Professional Education Systems, Inc. (1994).

Speaker, State Bar of Arizona, *Limited Liability Companies* (1994).

Speaker, *Arizona Limited Liability Company Legislation*, National Business Institutes (1993).