

**MICHELLE BOUTIN**



Michelle has been practicing in Alaska since 1986 and focuses on commercial litigation, lender representation, and creditor's rights, including bankruptcy representation. Before entering private practice, she clerked for U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Herbert A. Ross from 1986 – 1988 and served as FDIC staff attorney and then as head of FDIC's Alaska legal department (1989 – 1993).

Michelle has represented lenders and secured creditors in some of Alaska's largest bankruptcy cases. She represented creditors in Alaska's first "mega" Chapter 11 bankruptcy case, actively defending preference claims and other complex issues.

She is a valued member and of the local legal community through her 37 years with the Alaska Bar Association as a past board member, past President, and served for many years as chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Alaska Bar. She also served as an Attorney Representative to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Conference. Michelle is recognized for excellent work by Best Lawyers in America since 2007, Super Lawyers since 2016, and by receiving the Alaska Bar Association Professionalism Award in 2014.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP.** Partner, January 2020 – Present; Associate Attorney, December 2017 – December 2019.

**Previous firms:** RCO Legal – Alaska, Inc., (2013-2017); Jermain, Dunnagan & Owens, P.C. (2005-2013); Christianson, Boutin & Spraker, P.C., (2002-2005); Bundy & Christianson (1993-2002); Law office of Diane Vallentine (1988-1989).

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Alaska.** Head of Legal Department, 1989-1993.

**Law Clerk to the Honorable Herbert A. Ross, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Alaska,** September 1986-1988.

## EDUCATION

**Mitchell Hamline University School of Law,** St. Paul, Minnesota (J.D. 1986)

**University of Alaska,** Fairbanks, Alaska (B.S. with honors 1983).

## STATE BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Member of the bar of the State of Alaska, the United States District Court, District of Alaska, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.