

Overview

Thomas Gaa represents publicly traded corporations and small to medium-sized technology companies and other businesses, in domestic and international matters, with an emphasis on business reorganizations and out-of-court workouts, creditor-debtor rights, the treatment of intellectual property and the asset sales in insolvency proceedings, and cross-border insolvency, credit and collection issues.

Mr. Gaa has lectured on business reorganizations, treatment of technology and intellectual property assets in bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings, and cross-border credit and insolvency issues before local bar associations, the State Bar of California, the State Bar of Nevada, and the American Bar Association, as well as other professional and trade groups.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Section on International Law, Member, Assistant Budget Officer (1997-1998), Secretary (2000 – 2001), Member of Task Force on the Globalization Of Law Practice (1997), Chair for Section’s 1997 and 2003 Annual Meetings, Liaison to the ABA-American Law Institute Transnational Insolvency Project (1996); Chair of the International Secured Transactions and Insolvency Committee (and predecessor) (1995-2000).
- ABA – American Law Institute, Transnational Insolvency Project, Member of Task Force on Claims and Task Force on Corporate Entities (1997 to 1999).
- State Bar of California, Section of International Law, Executive Board Member (2003 – 2004).
- Advisory Committee on Private International and Advisory Committee Study Group on Cross-Border Insolvency, U.S. Department of State, Legal Advisors Office, Member (1995-1997).
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member (2011 to present).
- International Insolvency Institute, Member and Project (2001 to present), member of the Committee on Intellectual Property Rights in Insolvencies (2008 to present), Research Coordinator of the Committee’s Project On Treatment Of Intellectual Property Licenses In Insolvencies (2013 to present).



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Education

- Master of Laws, International and Comparative Law, Georgetown University (1987)
- Juris Doctor, University of Montana School of Law (1980)
- Bachelor of Arts and Phi Beta Kappa, Michigan State University (1973)

Admissions

- State of California (1987)
- State of Montana (1980)
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court of Montana
- United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- United States Court of International Trade

Publications

- Author, “Harmonization of International Bankruptcy Law and Practice: Is It Necessary? Is It Possible?” in *The International Lawyer*, Vol. 27, No. 4, Winter, 1993
- Contributing author, “Annual Review of Current Developments in the area of International Creditors’ Rights and Bankruptcy for

1996,” published in *The International Lawyer*, Vol. 31, No. 2, Summer, 1997, and for 1998, published in *The International Lawyer*, Vol. 33, No. 2, Summer, 1999