



# American College of Bankruptcy

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*Whereas*, Patrick A. ("Pat") Murphy was born in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and educated at Williams College, B.A. (1961) and Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, J.D. (1965);

*Whereas*, in 1968, Pat joined the Legal Department of Bank of America N.T. & S.A. in its San Francisco home office, rising to Senior Counsel before leaving in 1974 to establish a private practice in San Francisco (expanding in 1991 to establish a Los Angeles office) in a firm focusing on insolvency, creditors' rights, commercial lending and related litigation that became nationally known as Murphy Weir & Butler and later Murphy, Sheneman, Julian & Rogers, before combining with Winston & Strawn in 2003 to open Winston's San Francisco office and expand its Los Angeles office;

*Whereas*, Pat's reputation attracted to his Firms as Counsel such luminaries as Peter F. Coogan, one of the "founding fathers" of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, Professor William T. Laube, an Editor of several editions of Collier on Bankruptcy, and Bernard Shapiro, who was, among other things, the recipient of the College's 2001 Distinguished Service Award;

*Whereas*, Pat has served as an Editor and Contributing Author for Collier on Bankruptcy (Matthew Bender) and Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide (Matthew Bender);

*Whereas*, Pat played a significant role in the evolution and adoption of the Bankruptcy Act of 1978, serving as counsel to the Bank of America N.T. & S.A. and co-counsel to the American Bankers Association in connection with the legislative hearings and process;

*Whereas*, Pat has been an active Conferee in the National Bankruptcy Conference since his election in 1971, and was inducted as a Fellow in the first class of the American College of Bankruptcy in 1990;

*Whereas*, Pat is a highly respected bankruptcy scholar, having authored the notable treatise *Creditors' Rights in Bankruptcy* (West Group) and numerous significant articles on reorganization and bankruptcy law, including "The United States Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978" (*International Business Lawyer*), "Use of Collateral in Business Rehabilitations: A Suggested Redrafting of Section 7203 of the Bankruptcy Reform Act" (*California Law Review*), "Confirmation of Plans Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code" (*Business Law*), and "Restraint and Reimbursement: The Secured Creditor in Arrangement and Reorganization Proceedings" (*Business Lawyer*);

*Whereas*, Pat has been an educator throughout the course of his career, serving as Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of San Francisco (1974 – 1981), and being an active author and lecturer for the American Law Institute-American Bar Association, the Practising Law Institute, New York Law Journal Seminars, California Continuing Education of the Bar, Uniform Commercial Code Institute, Prentice Hall Law & Business, Aspen Law & Business, and Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute;

*Whereas*, Pat has had a distinguished career as a practitioner, with significant engagements in high profile and complex domestic and cross-border restructurings and bankruptcies such as those for Morrison Knudsen Corporation, Evans Products Companies, America West Airlines, Spreckels Industries, Daon Corporation, Dow Corning, Fox-Meyer Drugs, Washington Group International, and Orange County;

*Whereas*, Pat has been recognized in numerous peer-selected publications, including Chambers USA's America's Leading Business Lawyers, K&A Restructuring Register's America's Top 100 Restructuring Professionals, Best Lawyers in America, International Who's Who of Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers, World's Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers, and Who's Who in American Law;

*Whereas*, Pat's leadership skills and good standing in the community led him to serve initially as a Member and thereafter as President of the San Francisco Airports Commission (1988 – 1994);

*Whereas*, Pat and his wife, Gail, have been active in San Francisco civic affairs and the arts, including active support of the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco; and

*Whereas*, Pat and Gail having raised two sons, Alexander and Scott, and Pat having retired from the active practice of law, Pat and Gail now enjoy travel and their homes in the City of San Francisco and the County of Sonoma;

*Therefore*, be it resolved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the American College of Bankruptcy that Patrick A. Murphy be, and hereby is, awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 16th day of March, 2012.