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PRACTICES

Plan Funding and Restructuring
Litigation
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EDUCATION

J.D., Boston University
A.B., *magna cum laude*, Harvard
University

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
Massachusetts

Gary M. Ford originally joined Groom Law Group in 1981, after serving as ERISA Counsel to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, where he had staff responsibility for the Multiemployer Pension Plan Amendments Act of 1980. Mr. Ford took leave from the firm in 1987 to serve as General Counsel to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation from 1987 to 1989. At the PBGC, Mr. Ford directed 64 lawyers and paralegals in federal court litigation and represented the agency in the development of the Pension Protection Act of 1987. He decided to return to Groom after his stint at PBGC and now serves as a Principal in the firm.

Mr. Ford practices before Congress, the federal agencies, the federal courts and arbitrators. He is a leading expert on issues relating to the treatment of employee benefit plans in bankruptcies, and he has represented both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy cases involving substantial benefit liabilities and assets. In addition, he represents a number of the nation's largest plan sponsors, service providers, multiemployer plans, and fiduciaries in a variety of areas, including litigation, planning, and advice.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Employee Benefits Law and ERISA Litigation (1995-2012)

Listed, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Employee Benefits (2005-2011)

Listed, *The Legal 500 US*, Labor & Employment Law, ERISA Litigation (2009-2011)

Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500 US*, Labor & Employment Law, Employee Benefits (2008)

Listed, *The Legal 500 US*, Labor & Employment Law, Employee Benefits (2008)

Listed, *The Legal 500 US*, Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Law, Employee Benefits (2007)

Listed, *Super Lawyers*, Employee Benefits (2008-2011)

Biography Continued

Listed, *Human Resource Executive Magazine*, 100 Most Powerful
Employment Attorneys in America (2011-2012)

Listed, Top 12 Labor and Employment Lawyers in D.C. Area, *Legal Times*
Washingtonian's Best Lawyers in D.C.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

ERISA Counsel, Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Charter Fellow, American College of Employee Benefits Counsel

Member, BNA Pension & Benefit Publications Advisory Board