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The Firm: This firm is acknowledged for its expertise in bank finance. The group handles complex and sophisticated transactions and clients note the seamless, full-service representation across various offices and practices. Standout deals this year include the representation of Ares Management in its $1.6 billion acquisition of 99¢ Only Stores and the related $950 million financing.

Sources Say: "I value their depth and scope of knowledge as well as their tremendous attention to our needs as a business."

Key Individuals: Steven Weise is doubtless one of the most respected lawyers in the California market. Observers say: "He is a giant in this field and continues to educate us all." His impressive intellect can be demonstrated in all manner of areas, including structured finance, workouts, letters of credit and investment securities.

Neil Cummings' ability to "always find practical solutions to issues" paired with his "very solid and fundamental understanding of the law and the market" ensure he is highly valued by clients. He was the lead finance attorney on the Ares Management deal mentioned above.

A fairly recent addition to the team, senior counsel Glen Lim wins praise for being a "very knowledgeable, diligent and highly efficient individual with immense technical skills." He represents both lenders and borrowers in domestic and international financings.

- **Steven O. Weise**
  Partner