

Chris Thompson

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Chris Thompson is a litigator in the firm's Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy practice group. His practice is focused on representing creditors and debtors in bankruptcy proceedings and in state and federal court litigation.

Before joining Burr & Forman, Chris worked at a boutique Orlando law firm that specializes in sophisticated Chapter 11 debtor representation. He has represented clients on corporate restructurings and all aspects of Chapter 11 bankruptcy and adversary proceedings, including 363 sales and fraudulent transfer litigation. He has also represented creditors and assignees in assignment for the benefit of creditors proceedings under Florida Law. In addition to his bankruptcy practice, Chris has significant commercial litigation experience, including jury trial experience.

Chris was the President of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association for 2020. He is the former Chair of the Communications Committee of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar and is an active member of the Bankruptcy/UCC Committee of the Business Law Section. Chris is the current Chair of the Steering Committee for the Bench/Bar Conference of the Middle District of Florida Bankruptcy Courts. Before joining his prior firm, Chris served as the Law Clerk to the Honorable Karen S. Jennemann, Bankruptcy Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Chris has been recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Bankruptcy Litigation in 2021. Chris has been selected as a *Florida Super Lawyer* "Rising Star" in the field of Business Bankruptcy in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. He was also selected to participate in the Next Generation Program at the 89th National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting held in Miami Beach in 2015.

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Legal Practice Assistant

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CAPABILITIES

Bankruptcy Litigation

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Section 363 Sales

Workouts, Restructurings, & Enforcement

Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Wisconsin School of Law

cum laude

B.A., University of Michigan

with honors

LICENSED IN

Florida

Illinois

ADMITTED IN

U.S. District Court - Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Northern District of Illinois

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Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Bankruptcy since 2021, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law since 2023, Commercial Litigation since 2023
- *Florida Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Bankruptcy: Business (2016-2021)

News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- 19 Burr & Forman Attorneys Named 2021 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Firm News, 06.24.2021
- Burr's Chris Thompson Elected President of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association
Firm News, 12.20.2019
- Burr & Forman Elevates 11 to Partnership
Firm News, 01.07.2019
- Burr & Forman Boost Creditor's Rights And Bankruptcy Practice With New Orlando Attorney
Firm News, 09.23.2015

Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, CLE Presentation: "Universal Towers Construction: A Case Study in Subordination Under Section 510(b)," Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association
Speaking Engagement, 10.13.2022
- Co-Presenter, WEBINAR: Case Law Update: Subchapter V and the Retroactive Effect of the SBRA and CARES Act
Speaking Engagement, 05.01.2020
- Chris Thompson Serves as a Panelist at the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association 27th Annual Seminar 2019
Speaking Engagement, 06.14.2019
- Moderator, Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association 25th Annual Seminar
Speaking Engagement, Orlando, FL, 05.05.2017

U.S. District Court - Southern District of Texas

11th Circuit Court of Appeals

Chris Thompson

- Panelist, Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association Annual Seminar
Speaking Engagement, 08.26.2016

Articles

- *The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar: Reflections on the Extraordinary Life of Judge Stephan P. Mickle*
Articles / Publications, 06.01.2021
- White Paper: Commercial Property Insurance Claims in Response to COVID-19
Articles / Publications, 06.02.2020
- *ABI Journal: The Finality Countdown: Supreme Court Unlikely to Adopt a "Blanket Rule" for Orders Denying Stay Relief in Jackson Masonry*
Articles / Publications, 10.11.2019
- Burr Alert: Lenders Beware: 11th Circuit holds borrower's false oral statement regarding single asset does not provide basis for non-dischargeability action under § 523(a)(2)(A)
Articles / Publications, 03.22.2017
- Burr Alert: Termination of a Commercial Lease May be an "Avoidable Transfer" in Bankruptcy, holds Seventh Circuit
Articles / Publications, 04.25.2016

Blog Posts

- *Failla And Taylor Are Alive And Well: Eleventh Circuit Again Confirms That Debtors Cannot Retain Secured Property Absent Reaffirmation Or Redemption*
Consumer Finance Litigation, 04.06.2018

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar, Business Law Section: Past Chair, Communications Committee; Member, Bankruptcy/UCC Committee
- Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association: Former President (2020); Board Member (2015 - 2020)
- Orange County Bar Association