

Kelly E. Waits

Counsel

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“What I enjoy most about the profession is serving and connecting with my clients. Being a trusted advisor isn’t what I do, it’s who I am.”

Kelly works in bankruptcy law, litigation, and creditors’ rights. She protects her clients with tenacity, working directly with them to safeguard their interests in all facets of bankruptcy, workouts, and financial restructuring-related matters. Kelly’s practice is primarily concentrated on the representation of financial institutions in connection with distressed real estate and commercial loans. Her practice also includes enforcement actions and non-judicial foreclosures.

Kelly was drawn to the valuable service aspect of the legal profession and is motivated by the chance to develop personal relationships that create meaningful impact for people’s businesses and in their lives. One case in which this was especially prevalent was a bankruptcy case in which Kelly secured a successful outcome for an immigrant-run mom and pop outfit.

Away from the office, Kelly spends time with her family and enjoys getting outdoors and biking.

Kelly earned her J.D. from Emory University School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Georgia. Kelly also served as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Douglas O. Tice, Jr. in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Honors & Recognition

- *Georgia Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Bankruptcy & Creditor/ Debtor Rights (2014, 2015)

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Legal Practice Assistant

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CAPABILITIES

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy Litigation

Consumer Finance Litigation & Compliance

Commercial Litigation

Commercial Real Estate Finance
Real Estate

Workouts, Restructurings, & Enforcement

Debtor in Possession Financing

Section 363 Sales

Tax Sales

EDUCATION

J.D., Emory University School of Law

B.A., University of Georgia
cum laude

LICENSED IN

Georgia

Kelly E. Waits

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2023)

News

- Burr & Forman Attorneys Selected Among Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2015
Firm News, 02.26.2015
- Six Burr & Forman Attorneys Selected Among Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2014
Firm News, 02.18.2014

Articles

- Toxins-Are-Us: Bankruptcy Treatment of Environmental Liabilities
Articles / Publications, 07.02.2021
- Burr Alert: Supreme Court Reverses Eleventh Circuit: Debt Collectors Can File Proofs of Claim On Stale Debt Without Violating FDCPA
Articles / Publications, 05.23.2017
- Burr Alert: "Alakazam"(or not): No Magic Language Necessary for Confirmation Waivers as Georgia Courts Continue to Allow Deficiency Suits Against Guarantors in the Absence or Denial of Confirmation
Articles / Publications, 02.28.2017

Professional Activities

- Atlanta Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section, Member-At-Large (2022)
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
 - International Board, Director-At-Large (2022)
 - Georgia Network, Programming Community Co-Chair (2022)
- State Bar of Georgia
- Atlanta Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Decatur Performs, Secretary