

William Patrick Ayers

Counsel

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"When litigating a case (or undertaking any matter) for a client, I use my analytical skills to effect practical solutions when possible, while remaining mindful of the client's specific goals."

With over 35 years' experience as a litigator, Patrick serves as Counsel in the Tampa office of Burr & Forman, LLP and is a member of the firm's Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Practice Group.

Patrick concentrates on creditors' rights and has substantial experience in property management and landlord-tenant law, principally representing commercial and residential landlords and property managers in landlord-tenant disputes and transactional work, including office and retail leases. His litigation practice has a primary emphasis on recovery of secured assets for lenders and financial institutions in state court, including mortgage foreclosures, replevins, and collections through judicial lien enforcement (garnishments and executions), and litigation involving UCC Articles 3, 4, and 9. He also represents creditors in bankruptcy litigation matters and appellate litigation arising from commercial litigation cases.

Patrick's areas of focus include creditor's rights, commercial litigation & garnishments, landlord-tenant law.

Honors & Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation- Bankruptcy since 2023, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2024)

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

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CAPABILITIES

Bankruptcy Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

EDUCATION

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center

B.S., Georgetown University

LICENSED IN

Florida

ADMITTED IN

U.S. District Court - Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Northern District of Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Middle District of Florida

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News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Burr and Forman Brings Over Creditors' Rights And Bankruptcy Group In Tampa
Firm News, 11.09.2015

Articles

- Florida Appellate Court Says Tenant Cannot Use Force Majeure Clause as Weapon Against Landlord
Article, 05.22.2023
- Ch. 10, "Judicial Lien Enforcement," Creditors' and Debtors' Practice in Florida, Vols. 1-7 Fla. Bar
Articles / Publications, 12.01.2021
- Ch. 5, "Perfection of Judgment Liens," Creditors' and Debtors' Practice in Florida, Vols. 5-7 Fla. Bar
Articles / Publications, 12.01.2021
- Burr Alert: Garnishee Bank's "Defenses" Trumped?
Articles / Publications, 02.16.2016

Civic Activities

- Florida State Soccer Referee, & Regularly referee youth, high school and college soccer matches

Professional Activities

- Florida Bar
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association

U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Southern District of Florida

U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Northern District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit