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Patrick Warfield is a partner located in the Nashville, Tennessee office of Burr & Forman LLP and is a member of the firm's Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy service group. Patrick is also a member of the firm's health care practice group. His practice focuses on out-of-court workouts and distressed transactions, bankruptcy, financially distressed businesses and loans, complex commercial litigation, landlord-tenant disputes, creditors' rights matters, and other related insolvency issues.

Patrick has a depth of experience in solving problems throughout a multitude of industries, including health care, pharmaceutical, retail, manufacturing, and financial services. In representing clients, and in addition to providing legal advice, Patrick helps clients find, create, and salvage value even in the most difficult of circumstances. He assists clients in developing strategy and coming up with creative solutions and tactics to accomplish their end goals.

Patrick is routinely engaged by banks, financial institutions, secured and unsecured lenders, trade creditors, and secondary debt purchasers to assist them through the complex legal and regulatory landscapes. He is also hired by commercial landlords to represent them with distressed leases, bankrupt tenants, and complex eviction matters. In addition to the above, Patrick is routinely engaged by health care companies and health care REITs to advise them with respect to financially distressed situations.

In representing his clients, Patrick often: restructures troubled credit facilities and businesses; assists with the buying and selling of distressed assets, businesses, and commercial paper; structures distressed mergers and acquisitions; and represents clients in bankruptcy cases across the country, as well as debtor-creditor litigation in both state and federal courts. He often is engaged to advise and defend clients with respect to lender-liability lawsuits, fraud-related investigations and litigation, preference actions, and

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CAPABILITIES

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
Financial Institutions
Bankruptcy Litigation
Manufacturing
Workouts, Restructurings, & Enforcement
Financial Services
Health Care
Lender Liability
Debtor in Possession Financing
UCC Litigation
Health Care Business, Governance & Transactional
Avoidance Actions
Section 363 Sales
Commercial Litigation
Commercial Contracts
Commercial Landlord/Tenant Litigation

EDUCATION

J.D., Samford University Cumberland School of Law
B.S., Sewanee: The University of the South

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fraudulent transfer lawsuits.

Aside from the practice of law, Patrick is a proud Nashvillian and gives his time to various civic and non-profit endeavors, including the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland and the Westminster School for Young Children.

Experience

- Represented a secured lender in repackaging a multi-million dollar credit facility, preventing the borrower from filing bankruptcy.
- Represented a commercial landlord in a complex shopping center tenant bankruptcy.
- Successfully prosecuted and obtained a judgment in a multi-million dollar health care creditor-debtor dispute.
- Obtained a temporary restraining order on a debtor's accounts preventing the dissipation of key assets. A favorable settlement was obtained after receiving the restraining order.
- Represented numerous law professors in filing an *amici* brief before the Tennessee Supreme Court.
- Defended and obtained a favorable settlement for a trade creditor in a preference action.
- Represented a lender in a land dispute and obtained a full payoff of the loan.
- Represented lead bank in the turnaround and sale of several multi-state ambulatory surgery centers.
- Represented stalking horse bidder in the bankruptcy sale of a multi-million dollar mental health facility.
- Represented the senior secured lender with respect to a troubled health care facility.
- Repackaged the lease facility of a multi-state senior care facility.

Honors & Recognition

- Named, *Chambers USA*, "Up and Coming" in Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2022-2023)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law since 2022, Litigation - Bankruptcy since 2022

LICENSED IN

Tennessee

ADMITTED IN

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Tennessee

U.S. District Court - Middle District of Tennessee

U.S. District Court - Western District of Tennessee

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- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation (2021)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Bankruptcy: Business since 2016
- *Nashville Business Journal*, "Top 40 Under 40" (2016)
- Nashville Bar Foundation Leadership Forum (2015-2016)
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judge's Next Generation Program

News

- 58 Burr Attorneys Named to 2023 Mid-South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, 11.28.2023
- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- 61 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Chambers USA
Firm News, 06.01.2023
- 63 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Chambers USA
Firm News, 06.03.2022
- *NashvillePost*: Burr & Forman Adds Two Partners in Nashville
Firm News, 01.10.2019

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker: Fifth Third Bank CLE
Speaking Engagement, Fifth Third Bank; Cincinnati, OH, 06.13.2018
- Speaker, International Council of Shopping Centers TN/KY Idea Exchange
Speaking Engagement, Music City Center; Nashville, TN, 07.25.2017
- Speaker, Turnaround Management Association
Speaking Engagement, Tennessee, 08.25.2016
- Speaker, International Council of Shopping Centers Tennessee/Kentucky Idea Exchange
Speaking Engagement, Louisville, KY, 08.24.2016

Articles

- J. Patrick Warfield Quoted in ABA Journal on Medical Debt Disputes
Firm News, 06.09.2022
- Healthcare Loans: Five Tips for a Potentially Successful Workout
Articles / Publications, 09.27.2017
- *ABI Journal*: A Plug for Priority Claims in Oil and Gas Cases
Articles / Publications, 06.08.2016

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- *The Tennessee Banker: The Erosion of Credit-Bid Protection in Bankruptcy and Its Effects*
Articles / Publications, 10.31.2014
- *The Transportation Lawyer: Enforcement of State Court Judgments in a Foreign State*
Articles / Publications, 07.28.2013

Civic Activities

- Montgomery Bell Academy Young Alumni Board (Former Member)
- The Ensworth School Alumni Council (Former President)
- The Ensworth School Board of Trust (*Ex Officio*, Former)
- Nashville Bar Foundation Leadership Forum, Steering Committee
- The Westminster School for Young Children, Board Member

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association