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### **Services**

Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy Litigation,

Patrick 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. His practice focuses on bankruptcy, financially distressed health care businesses/loans, out-of-court workouts, complex commercial litigation, landlord-tenant disputes, creditors' rights matters, and other related insolvency issues.

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 financial distressed situations.

He has a wide range of experience both in and out of court and in various types of industries. 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; 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 fraudulent transfer lawsuits.

### **Publications**

- Healthcare Loans: Five Tips for a Potentially Successful Workout
- *Norton Bankr. L. Adviser*: International Electronics, Inc. v. Ritz: Supreme Court Increased Size of "Actual Fraud" Pie, But Only By A Sliver
- *ABI Journal*: A Plug for Priority Claims in Oil and Gas Cases
- *The Tennessee Banker*: The Erosion of Credit-Bid Protection in Bankruptcy and Its Effects

- *The Transportation Lawyer*. Enforcement of State Court Judgments in a Foreign State

## **Education**

J.D., Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, (2011)

B.S., Geology, Sewanee: The University of the South, (2006)

## **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

## **Honors & Awards**

- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Bankruptcy: Business (2016-2019)
- *Nashville Business Journal*, "Top 40 Under 40" (2016)
- Nashville Bar Foundation Leadership Forum (2015-2016)
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judge's Next Generation Program

## **Professional Associations**

American Bar Association

Nashville Bar Association

Tennessee Bar Association

## **Community Involvement**

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

## **Experience**

- 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.
- 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.
- Repackaged the lease facility of a multi-state senior care facility.

- 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.

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