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Mike is a partner at Burr & Forman LLP where he serves in the firm's Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Practice Group.

Mike has practiced business bankruptcy law since he graduated from Duke Law School in 1980. Mike often represents secured lenders, typically after a borrower's default. Most of his practice includes representing various interests in Chapter 11; pursuing claims of commercial lenders against the debtor, the collateral, and guarantors in bankruptcy, federal, state and receivership courts. Mike represents a variety of parties in bankruptcy cases, including Section 363 sale purchasers, manufacturers, trustees, banks, preference defendants, and consumer finance companies from class action complaints claims of borrowers. Mike also represents debtors in large Chapter 11 reorganizations. Increasingly, Mike pursues Chapter 3 bankruptcy solutions and structured dismissals as the most expedited method of maximizing client and stakeholder value.

Mike often represents companies where some key supplier is in financial distress and unable to continue making and delivering timely needed unique parts or services. In these cases where going concern value matters much, Mike is highly accomplished at removing and replacing objecting ownership and senior management from failing companies, while at the same time never missing even a single day of full production. Mike has accomplished these replace-without-interruption successes against companies in many industries, including manufacturing, health care, transportation, national school chains, internet infrastructure, real estate operation and development, mining, food processing, restaurant chains, and newspapers.

In all matters, Mike uses his creative skills to design and accomplish outside-the-ordinary solutions to maximize value, often for many stakeholders and always for his client.

Education

J.D., Duke University School of Law, (1980)

The Catholic University of America, (1977)

Licensed In

Alabama, Mississippi

Honors & Awards

- American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow
- *Chambers USA*, Leading Practitioner in Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2010-2019)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, "Lawyer of the Year," Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Birmingham, Alabama (2015)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2005-2020), Litigation-Bankruptcy (2011-2020), Bet-the-Company Litigation (2016-2020)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Bankruptcy: Business (2016-2019)
- *Alabama Super Lawyers*, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights (2008-2015)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent© Peer Review Rating

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