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Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

Education

- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, 2006
  - J.D. cum laude
  - Law Review: Journal of Health Care, Law, & Policy , Associate Editor
- University of Maryland, 2003
  - B.A. in Journalism

Notable Matters

- Co-Debtor's Counsel with Holland Knight in Archdiocese of Baltimore
- Representation of Assisted Living, Adult Daycare and Skilled Nursing Debtors in Chapter 11
- Counsel for Commercial Foreclosing Lender
- Trustee and Counsel for SBA foreclosure matters.
- Counsel to National Distributor of Produce-Related Products (PACA, Commercial Litigation)
- Counsel to financial institution in Wisp Ski Resort bankruptcy

Catherine Hopkin is a Member with significant experience successfully representing clients in commercial and individual Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, as well as commercial litigation. Her representations in insolvency cases have resulted in successful plan confirmations, confessed judgment actions, commercial foreclosures, workouts, collection actions, guarantor litigation, tax sale foreclosures, and a wide variety of other creditors' rights actions. Ms. Hopkin filed and confirmed the first Small Business Reorganization Act case in Maryland in 2020.

Leadership

Ms. Hopkin is a past-president (2021-2022) and a prior member of the Board of Directors of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland; for which she has also served on various committees, including as a member of the complex Chapter 11 committee, and chair of the Small Business Reorganization Act committee.

She is past Chair of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation – Greater Maryland Network (IWIRC) (2022-2023), where she also serves on the board of directors, and was previously the Co-Chair of Communications and a co-editor of its newsletter. Between 2017 and 2020, she served on the board of directors of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.

Each year since 2016, Chambers USA recognized Ms. Hopkin as a leader in the Maryland bankruptcy/restructuring field. Additionally, each year since 2013, Maryland Super Lawyers Magazine has named Ms. Hopkin to its list for her bankruptcy practice.

In addition to her professional activities, Ms. Hopkin provides pro bono services through various legal outreach programs and coaches select/travel youth soccer. She also serves as a mentor through a mentorship program between IWIRC and the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

Honors and Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®; Selected for Inclusion in the Areas of Bankruptcy/Insolvency and Commercial Litigation, 2020-2026
- Leader in the Maryland bankruptcy/restructuring field, Chambers USA, since 2016
- Super Lawyers, Super Lawyers Magazine, since 2013

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland, Board Member 2013-2019, Chapter Events Chair 2017, Treasurer 2018-2019
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) , Board of Directors 2015-Present; Newsletter Co-Editor 2015-Present; Communications Committee 2013-Present, Communications Committee Co-Chair 2018-Present
- Advisory Committee, Academy of Law, National Academy Foundation-Baltimore (NAF-Baltimore) (former member)
- Baltimore Academies, Inc., former Board Member

Published Works

- Co-Author for the Chapter on "Bankruptcy Appeals", Commercial Bankruptcy Litigation (Second Edition) Treatise (2026)
- In re Kelly, 656 B.R. 541 (Bankr. D. Md.) (representing multiple landowners involved in protracted litigation with debtors.)
- In re Shkor, 644 B.R. 410 (Bankr. DC 2023) (matter of first impression regarding lien priority and replacement of mortgages, and
- equitable subrogation doctrines)
- The Baltimore Barrister, Spring 2019, Vol 8 No. 3; "Top 5 Commercial Bankruptcy Issues for Trade Creditors"
  Firstrust Bank v. Industrial Bank (In re Essex Construction, LLC), 591 B.R. 630 (Bankr. D. Md. 2018) (case of first impression in 4th Circuit wherein Ms. Hopkin successfully defended attack on client's lien in an action to determine priority of security interests, arguing that the "freeze rule" protected client from a post-petition lapse of its financing statement).
- Dang v. Quicken Loans, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54836 (D. Md., Apr. 17, 2013), aff'd In re Dang, 544 Fed. Appx. 205 (4th Cir. 2013) (one of the first cases in this district to discuss the issue and application of Stern v. Marshall in the District of Maryland)
- LBCMT2007-C3 Urbana Pike, LLC v. Sheppard, U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49522 (D. Md. 2014) (landmark case involving pleading standard for affirmative defenses in the District of Maryland)

Speaking Engagements

- IWIRC at the Shore 2024: "Litigation: Best Practices and Pit Falls"
- American Bankruptcy Institute Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop Aug. 2019: "Bankruptcy Trends: Contracts and Plans"
- Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland 2019 Spring Break: "Blockchain for Bankruptcy Lawyers; Categorizing Digital Assets and Emerging Issues Regarding Security Interests"
- Anne Arundel County Bar Association Bar Weekend 2019: "Cryptocurrency: Emerging Issues in Business and Law"