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Christopher A. Hurley

ATTORNEY, PARTNER

Chris Hurley practices in the Creditors' Rights section of the firm, focusing on advising and representing creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, commercial litigation, and collections and recovery actions in state and federal courts. Chris's experience ranges from routine collections matters to complex commercial litigation, including commercial unlawful detainers, seeking the appointment of a receiver to manage commercial real estate, prosecuting and defending recovery actions in bankruptcy court, representing chapter 7 trustees in bankruptcy cases and related litigation, and helping lenders protect their rights in criminal asset forfeiture proceedings.

Chris is one of fifty up-and-coming bankruptcy practitioners across the country to participate in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Next Generation ("NextGen") program in 2024. NextGen participants must meet stringent qualification criteria, including a demonstrated legal excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law, a serious commitment to principles of civility, ethics, and professionalism, and a commitment to the continued educational development of bankruptcy professionals and to professional activities that will benefit the public, members of the bar, and the court system.

Chris graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 2018, where he served as Executive Editor of the *Washington and Lee Law Review* and represented low-income taxpayers as part of the school's Tax Clinic. Following law school, Chris had the honor of serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Paul M. Black in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia and the Honorable Elizabeth K. Dillon in the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2018)
 - Washington and Lee Law Review, Executive Editor 2017-2018
 - Order of the Coif
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (B.S., Psychology, 2009)
 - The Marching Virginians, Drumline 2005-2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Western District of Virginia

CLERKSHIPS

- The Honorable Elizabeth K. Dillon, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 2019-2020
- The Honorable Paul M. Black, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia, 2018-2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Virginia Bar Association
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 - Administration of Justice Committee Member
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 - Committee Member

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* Up and Coming Lawyer 2025
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy 2026

PUBLICATIONS

- Christopher A. Hurley, *Creditors' Attorneys' Fees Based on Post-Petition Contracts Are "Actual and Necessary" Costs*, XLI ABI Journal 6, 16-17, 55-56, June 2022
- Neil McCullagh, Karl Moses, and Chris Hurley, *Subchapter V's First Year in Review*, Journal of Corporate Renewal, April 2021, at 6-11.

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When he is not working, Chris enjoys spending time outdoors hiking and rock climbing with his wife.