

Robert S. Westermann

ATTORNEY, OF COUNSEL

Robbie's practice focuses on bankruptcy law, creditors' and debtors' rights, and general commercial litigation. Upon graduating from law school, Robbie served as a law clerk to the Honorable Blackwell N. Shelley, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia. Before joining Spotts Fain in 2025, Before joining Spotts Fain in 2025, he was a partner at Hirschler and Hunton Andrews Kurth.

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., 1998
- University of Virginia, B.A. History, 1992

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals - Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Representation of Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 debtors, trustees, liquidating trustees, and plan administrators in many different industries and specialties, including health care, retail, real estate, coal, construction, and manufacturing (cases include Health Diagnostic Laboratory, A.G. Dillard, Inc., Lowery's Seafood Restaurant, Inc., Bennett Mineral Company, Parham Construction Company, Virginia United Methodist Homes of Williamsburg, Service Dogs by Warren Retrievers, Inc., Victor M. Dandridge, III, IBCS Mining, Tuskeena Wytheville Center, Cardiac Connections Home Health Care Nursing, D-Scan, Inc., Road Runner Enterprises, S. A. Medical of Virginia, River City Renaissance, Campbell Graphics, MMR Holdings, Carter's Grove, River City Cleaners, and RBX Industries)
- Representation of Creditors Committees in Chapter 11 cases (cases include Ann Taylor/Ascena Retail Group, Inc., J. Crew/Chino's Holdings, Alpha Media Holdings LLC, Paper Source Inc., MicroGEM US, Inc., Body Renew Winchester II, LLC, Simbeck, Inc., Shenandoah Family Farms Cooperative, Dynamic Construction Services, Roper Brothers Lumber Company, and Rubatex International)
- Representation of creditors and stakeholders in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 cases, including vendors, landlords, services and goods providers, lenders and other secured creditors, indenture trustees, officers and directors, shareholders, and purchasers and sellers of assets (cases include Toys R Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, Big Lots, Nordic Aviation Capital, Cineworld/Regal Cinemas, LTL Management LLC, Pier 1, Intelsat, Penn Virginia Corporation, The Gymboree Corporation, Outer Harbor Terminal, Mountain Crane, Alpha Natural Resources, Patriot Coal, Xinergy, James River Coal, Circuit City, S&K Famous Brands, Movie Gallery, LandAmerica Financial Group, Bear Island/White Birch Paper Company, Ennstone, and Prospect Homes of Richmond)
- Representation of creditors and other parties in interest in Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 cases throughout the country (including cases in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming)
- Representation of Chapter 7 trustees in individual cases involving asset sales, claims/exemptions objections, and pursuit of avoidance action and other claims
- Representation of key parties in interest in workouts, restructurings, federal and state court receiverships, and attendant litigation and claims resolution, including borrowers, lenders, receivers, and other stakeholders
- Representation of local and regional clients in all manner of creditors' rights actions, including collections, foreclosures and deeds in lieu of foreclosure, seizure and sale of assets, garnishments, and levies

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Richmond Bar Association, Member of Board of Directors and Former Chair of Bankruptcy Section
- Virginia State Bar, Former Chair of Bankruptcy Section
- Virginia Bar Association, Former Chair of Bankruptcy Section
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member and Speaker
- Turnaround Management Association, Member and Speaker
- ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation (ASK), Board of Directors 2018-2025 and Board Chair 2023-2025
- Legal Information Network for Cancer (LINC), Board of Directors 2008-2015 and Board President 2014-2015
- Central Virginia Legal Aid, Pro Bono Consumer Debtor Counsel

HONORS AND AWARDS



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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- Creditor Litigation
- Commercial Bankruptcy Legal Services
- Workouts & Reorganizations

- *Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2011 - 2012, 2014 - 2018, 2020 - 2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation - Bankruptcy 2026
- Named "Lawyer of the Year" for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Richmond, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2022
- Honored as one of the "Top 100: Virginia" and one of the "Top 50: Richmond," *Virginia Super Lawyers*, Bankruptcy: Business, 2021, 2024
- *Virginia Super Lawyers*, Bankruptcy, Business Litigation, 2011 – 2025
- Chambers USA, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, 2015 - 2025
- Named to *Virginia Business Legal Elite* for Bankruptcy Creditors' Rights, 2009-2025

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Institute Panels on Chapter 11 Topics - 2020 and 2015
- ABI Southeastern Bankruptcy Workshop Panel Discussion - 2019
- Lorman Live Webinar on Understanding New Proof of Claim Form - 2017
- Annual Bankruptcy Practice Seminar on Motions for Relief from Stay - 2017
- Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association on Advice for Business Owners - 2016
- ABI Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop Panel Discussion - 2014