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Mark D. Taylor is the establishing Partner in VLP's Bankruptcy Practice Group. He specializes in all aspects of law and litigation relating to the end of the business life cycle.

With nearly 30 years of experience, Mark has been the first chair of over 200 trials in federal and state courts, relating to actual and constructive fraudulent conveyances, use of cash collateral, claims allowance and disallowance, relief from the automatic stay, section 363 sales, and plan confirmation.

His bankruptcy experience extends to representation of debtors, Chapter 7 and 11 trustees, official committees, secured and asset-based lenders, special servicers, indenture trustees and insurance companies. He has also served as both a Chapter 7 and 11 trustee.

While serving as a Chapter 11 trustee of one of the nation's largest credit counseling agencies, he marketed, negotiated, and sold an ongoing operation consisting of over 60,000 consumer contracts. Working in close conjunction with the FTC and state regulators, he established notice and consent procedures that protected the consumer's sensitive personally identifiable information and gave consumers an opt-out right.

In addition, he has extensive experience in out of court and state law actions, including dissolution, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and UCC sales.

Mark also represents Virginia community associations on matters relating to corporate governance and the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act. He is an avid historical researcher and writer. He has researched extensively on land grants and deeds in Fairfax Land Grant and examined titles going back to King Charles II.

Before joining VLP, Mark practiced at Kilpatrick Townsend, where he was a partner in the firm's Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring Practice Group. Mark is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Information Privacy Professional. He has led investigations of financial statement fraud and asset misappropriations, including tracing and asset repatriation and of other corporate governance issues.

Practice Areas

- ➔ Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- ➔ Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Admissions

- ➔ State Bar of Maryland
- ➔ State Bar of Virginia
- ➔ State Bar of West Virginia
- ➔ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the the Northern District of West Virginia
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the the Southern District of West Virginia
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- ➔ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- ➔ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Professional or Trade Affiliations

- ➔ Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- ➔ Bankruptcy Court Mediation Panels: Southern District of New York, Delaware, and Maryland
- ➔ Certified Court-Referred Mediator, Virginia General District Courts
- ➔ Certified Court-Appointed Counsel (Misdemeanor)

Education

- ➔ Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Aldon J. Anderson, United States District Court Judge, Utah, 1992-1993
- ➔ J.D., University of Utah College of Law, 1991, Order of the Coif, Law Review, Clyde Fellow
- ➔ B.A., Boise State University, 1981, magna cum laude

Honors & Awards

- ➔ Martindale-Hubbell® Judicial AV Preeminent™
- ➔ The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law, 2008-present
- ➔ The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy Litigation 2019 and 2020
- ➔ Super Lawyers®, Washington, D.C., Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2012-present
- ➔ America's Most Honored Professionals – Top 1% (2016)
- ➔ Avvo.com®, Superb, 10 of 10
- ➔ Washingtonian, Top Lawyer in Bankruptcy Law, 2007, 2010, 2011
- ➔ Chambers USA, 2009-2014
- ➔ Legal Elite, 2012-2013



Best Lawyers Award Badge

Representative Clients

- ➔ Represent clients in defense of avoidance actions, including preferences and fraudulent conveyances
- ➔ Represent commercial real estate clients in preparation of deal specific non-consolidation or true sale opinions
- ➔ Represent commercial real estate clients in foreclosure, work out, and bankruptcy issues, including stay relief, section 363 sales, and confirmation

Recent Publications

- ➔ VLP Partner Mark D. Taylor authors Inside Counsel article, “Baker & Botts: Efforts continue to define its scope.” (Oct 21, 2015)