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Professional Experience

Lisa Stevens is a member whose practice focuses on corporate bankruptcy, creditor's rights, commercial litigation and insurance recovery. She has significant experience working with businesses in financial distress and has represented corporate debtors, lenders, secured creditors and unsecured creditors, in all aspects of litigation, deal making and dispute resolution.

Prior to joining Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin, LLC, Ms. Stevens represented corporate policyholders in insurance coverage disputes in State and Federal Courts throughout the country and abroad in international arbitration. She has been involved in all aspects of litigation and has successfully recovered millions of dollars for her clients. In addition to her insurance coverage work, Ms. Stevens has litigated complex commercial contract disputes and business-related torts.

Leadership

Ms. Stevens is the Co-Chair of the Events Committee for the Greater Maryland Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation ("IWIRC"). Prior to this position, she served as an At-Large Director on the board for two years. She is actively involved in the Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland and the Anne Arundel Bar Association, where she served on the planning committee for the 2015 Bar Weekend. Ms. Stevens was recently elected as a Trustee for the Anne Arundel Bar Association (2015-2016 term).

Ms. Stevens served as a law clerk for The Honorable James P. Salmon of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals from 2004 to 2005. In 2003, she was a Rose Zetzer Fellow at the National Women's Law Center and a summer associate at Dickstein Shapiro, LLC. During law school, Ms. Stevens was a research assistant for the Center for Health and Homeland Security and interned with The Honorable Andre M. Davis of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

Ms. Stevens received her J.D., with honors, from The University of Maryland School of Law, where she served as the Notes and Comments Editor of *The Maryland Law Review*. In addition, Ms. Stevens was awarded The Joseph Bernstein Prize for the most significant piece of legal writing submitted for publication in *The Maryland Law Review* during 2003 to 2004. She received her B.S., *cum laude*, in microbiology, with distinction, from The Ohio State University, where she was awarded the Presidential Leadership Citation, Outstanding Senior Award, and inducted into SPHINX Senior Honorary.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Corporate Bankruptcy
- Creditor's Rights
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Recovery

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

EDUCATION

University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland

J.D.

Honors: With Honors

Honors: Awarded the Joseph Bernstein Prize

Honors: Rose Zetzer Fellow, National Women's Law Center

Law Review: The Maryland Law Review, Notes and Comments Editor

The Ohio State University

B.S. *cum laude*

Honors: Presidential Leadership Citation; Outstanding Senior Award; and SPHINX Senior Honorary

Honors: With Distinction

Major: Microbiology

Minor: Italian and Political Science

PUBLISHED WORKS

Bankruptcy Law: Five Things Every Lawyer Should Know, *The Advocate*, Winter, 2011

The Sport of Numbers: Manipulating Title IX to Rationalize Discrimination Against Women, *BYU Education & Law Journal* 155, 2004

Another View: New Affirmative Action Rulings Affect Contracting, (Co-Author, with Bradley Wine), *Government Computer News*, September 29, 2003

An Open Debate on United States Citizens Designated Enemy Combatants: Where Do We Go From Here?, (Co-Author, with Michael Beattie), 62 *The Maryland Law Review* 975, 2003

CLASSES/SEMINARS

Moderator and Panelist, "Anatomy of a Commercial Lease: Mock Lease Negotiation", Anne Arundel Bar Association and Anne Arundel Community College, January 2016

Moderator, "Women in the Law: A Judicial Perspective", Greater Maryland Network of IWIRC and the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Women Leadership and Equality Program, November 2015

Moderator and Panelist, "Hot Topics in Commercial Law", Anne Arundel Bar Association Bar Weekend March 2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Anne Arundel Bar Association, Trustee (2015-2016)

International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation ("IWIRC"), Co-Chair Events Committee (2015-2016), At-Large Director (2013-2015)

Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association, Member

American Bankruptcy Institute

Maryland State Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

American Bar Association

PAST EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

Dickstein Shapiro, LLC, Associate, 2005 - 2010

Honorable James P. Salmon of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, Law Clerk, 2004 - 2005

Center for Health and Homeland Security, Research Assistant

Honorable Andre M. Davis of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Intern