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Bar Admissions

- Maryland, 1988
- District of Columbia, 1990
- West Virginia, 2011
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, 1989
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 1993
- U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, 2000
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2005
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, 2011

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, 1988
- J.D.
- Union College, 1985
- B.A. cum laude, with distinction in Political Science

Previous Experience

- ACG, LLC, CEO, 2007 – 2009
- Rosenberg | Martin | Greenberg, LLP, Partner, 1995 – 2007
- Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, Associate, 1993 – 1995
- Blum, Yumkas, Mailman, Gutman and Denick, P.A., Associate, 1989 – 1993
- Hon. Marvin J. Garbis, U. S. District Judge (Maryland), Clerk, 1990
- Melnicove, Kaufman, Weiner, Smouse & Garbis, P.A., Associate, 1988 – 1989

During his more than 30 years in the private practice of law, Mr. Yumkas has represented corporate debtors, lenders, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, a bank holding company, landlords, distressed investors, hedge funds, private equity, franchisors and franchisees, bankruptcy trustees and receivers in all aspects of financial issues relating to debt, capital, insolvency law, corporate deal making, dispute resolution, and bankruptcy.

Widely regarded for his strategic negotiation and litigation skills, Mr. Yumkas is known as a passionate, efficient and creative problem solver and leader. Mr. Yumkas also has hands-on management experience. He was Managing Member of the firm from its founding in 2009 until September 2019. Prior to co-founding YVSM, Yumkas served on the three-member management team of his prior law firm, overseeing the business of more than 30 professionals and 60 overall employees. Mr. Yumkas is a past president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, where he oversaw and managed a non-profit professional organization of more than 325 insolvency attorneys.

Mr. Yumkas also brings his unique skill set to mediation, where he has trained and now serves as a qualified neutral for business and bankruptcy disputes.

Mr. Yumkas enjoys an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, is currently named again in Best Lawyers in America in the practice areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Commercial Litigation, and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2007 to present editions of Maryland Super Lawyers in the category of bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights.

In 2019, Chambers USA recognized Mr. Yumkas as a leader in the Maryland bankruptcy/restructuring field.

In 2018, Mr. Yumkas was honored with admission to the Litigation Counsel of America, The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society.

Mr. Yumkas is presently of counsel to the firm.

Honors and Awards

- AV Preeminent Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell Top Rated Lawyers, 1998-2020
- Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights, Business Litigation, Business/Corporate, 2007-2020
- Best Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, 2015-20200
- Chambers USA, Bankruptcy/Restructuring-Maryland, 2019-2020
- Litigation Counsel of America, The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society, 2018

Speaking Engagements

- Bankruptcy Considerations for Small Business and Individuals Post-COVID, American Bar Association Virtual 2020 May Tax Meeting, July 23, 2020
- When Bankruptcy May Be the Better Option, American Bar Association Section of Taxation, October 3, 2019
- Litigating Bankruptcy Cases, Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association Spring Break Weekend, May 3, 2019
- The "Court" in "Bankruptcy Court": Trial Tips from the Bench and Experienced Bankruptcy Litigation Counsel, Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Greenbelt Chapter, November 1, 2018

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Maryland State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar
- The Bankruptcy Bar Association, District of Maryland (President, 2006 – 2007)
- Anne Arundel Bar Association, 2010 - Present