



Catherine Hopkin has over a decade of experience successfully representing clients in commercial and individual Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings that resulted in successful plan confirmations, confessed judgment actions, commercial foreclosures, workouts, collection actions, guarantor litigation, tax sale foreclosures, and a wide variety of other creditors' rights actions.

Ms. Hopkin is the treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland for which she has also served on various committees, including the complex Chapter 11 committee. She is co-chair of the Communications Committee of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation – Greater Maryland Network (IWIRC) and serves on the organization's board of directors, as well as co-editor of its newsletter. She also serves on the board of directors of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.

Each year since 2016, Chambers USA recognized Ms. Hopkin as a leader in the Maryland bankruptcy/ restructuring field. Additionally, each year since 2013, Maryland Super Lawyers Magazine has named Ms. Hopkin to its list for her bankruptcy practice.

In addition to her professional activities, Ms. Hopkin provides pro bono services through the Debtor Assistance Project (DAP), a bankruptcy clinic formed to assist current and potential pro se debtors. DAP's goal is to reach out to debtors and provide them with experienced counsel as they navigate the bankruptcy process. DAP is a collaboration among the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Maryland State Bar Association Consumer Bankruptcy Section, the Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland, the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, the Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service, and other local organizations.

Honors and Awards

- Leader in the Maryland bankruptcy/restructuring field, Chambers USA
- Super Lawyers, Super Lawyers Magazine, since 2013

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland, Board Member 2013-2019, Chapter Events Chair 2017, Treasurer 2018-2019
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC), Board of Directors 2015-Present; Newsletter Co-Editor 2015-Present; Communications Committee 2013-Present, Communications Committee Co-Chair 2018-Present
- Advisory Committee, Academy of Law, National Academy Foundation-Baltimore (NAF-Baltimore) (former member)
- Baltimore Academies, Inc., former Board Member

Published Works

- The Baltimore Barrister, Spring 2019, Vol 8 No. 3; "Top 5 Commercial Bankruptcy Issues for Trade Creditors"
- Firsttrust Bank v. Industrial Bank (In re Essex Construction, LLC), 591 B.R. 630 (Bankr. D. Md. 2018) (case of first impression in 4th Circuit wherein Ms. Hopkin successfully defended attack on client's lien in an action to determine priority of security interests, arguing that the "freeze rule" protected client from a post-petition lapse of its financing statement).
- Dang v. Quicken Loans, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54836 (D. Md., Apr. 17, 2013), *aff'd* In re Dang, 544 Fed. Appx. 205 (4th Cir. 2013) (one of the first cases in this district to discuss the issue and application of Stern v. Marshall in the District of Maryland)
- LBCMT2007-C3 Urbana Pike, LLC v. Sheppard, U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49522 (D. Md. 2014) (landmark case involving pleading standard for affirmative defenses in the District of Maryland)
- In re Carter, 500 B.R. 739 (Bankr. D. Md. 2013)
- Coler v. Draper, U.S. Dist. LEXIS 152476 (D. Md. 2012)

Speaking Engagements

- American Bankruptcy Institute Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Workshop Aug. 2019: "Bankruptcy Trends: Contracts and Plans"
- Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland 2019 Spring Break: "Blockchain for Bankruptcy Lawyers; Categorizing Digital Assets and Emerging Issues Regarding Security Interests"
- Anne Arundel County Bar Association Bar Weekend 2019: "Cryptocurrency: Emerging Issues in Business and Law"

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Bar Admissions

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

Education

- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, 2006
- J.D. cum laude
- Law Review: Journal of Health Care, Law, & Policy, Associate Editor
- University of Maryland, 2003
- B.A. in Journalism

Previous Experience

- Tydings & Rosenberg LLP, Partner, 2015 – 2018
- Tydings & Rosenberg LLP, Associate, 2006 – 2014
- Professor Kenneth C. Kettering, Research Assistant