



Lisa Stevens is a member whose practice focuses on corporate bankruptcy, creditor 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, 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.

## Honors and Awards

- Best Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2020
- President's Award, Anne Arundel Bar Association, 2019
- Maryland Super Lawyers® for Bankruptcy: Business, 2019
- Leading Lawyer in Bankruptcy, What's Up Magazine, 2018

## Leadership

Ms. Stevens is the Immediate Past Chair of the Greater Maryland Network of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation. Prior to this position, she served as the Co-Chair, Co-Chair for the Events Committee and as an At-Large Director on the Board. She is actively involved in the Bankruptcy Bar Association of Maryland ("MBBA") and serves as the Secretary with prior involvement as the Chapter Events Chair and member of the Board of Directors. Ms. Stevens has been involved in redesigning the MBBA's website and has been a presenter for the MBBA's monthly meetings and annual Spring Break events. In addition, she is the Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee and Board Member of the Anne Arundel Bar Association ("AABA"). She served on the planning committee for the 2019 and 2017 AABA Bar Weekends and has judged the annual AABA high school essay contest and moot court competition.

In 2019, Ms. Stevens was appointed by Governor Hogan of Maryland to the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission for District 7 – Anne Arundel County to review and recommend candidates for judicial positions in the district and circuit courts. In addition, Ms. Stevens has been instrumental in the reestablishment of the Maryland Chapter of CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education), a national nonprofit organization that focuses on helping schools, community organizations and others to provide meaningful financial literacy training to young people and their families. She currently serves as a volunteer coordinator for the chapter.

## Professional Associations and Memberships

- Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission for District 7 – Anne Arundel County (2019-2023)
- Anne Arundel Bar Association, Co-Chair Community Service (2019-present, 2016-2018), Co-Chair Social Committee (2018-2019), Trustee (2015-2016)
- International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, Immediate Past Chair (2019-present), Co-Chair (2016-2019), Co-Chair Events Committee (2015-2016), At-Large Director (2013-2015)
- Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association, Secretary (2019-2020), Chapter Events Chair (2018-2019), Chapter Events Assistant Chair (2017-2018), At-Large Director (2016-2017)
- Maryland Chapter of CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education), Volunteer Liaison
- Women's Law Center of Maryland, Judicial Nominating Committee (2018-2019)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar Association

## Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Chapter 11 Plan Voting Issues," American Bar Association Closely Held and Small Business Subcommittee, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, October 31, 2019
- Panelist, "New Small Business Reorganization Act," The Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, Greenbelt Chapter meeting, October 22, 2019

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### Bar Admissions

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

### Education

- University of Maryland School of Law  
- J.D., With Honors  
- Awarded the Joseph Bernstein Prize, Rose Zetzer Fellow at the National Women's Law Center, The Maryland Law Review: Notes and Comments Editor
- The Ohio State University  
- B.S. cum laude with distinction in Microbiology. Italian and Political Science Minors  
- Presidential Leadership Citation, Outstanding Senior Award and SPHINX Senior Honorary

### Previous Experience

- 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

- Panelist, "Evaluating Third-Party Releases in Chapter 11 Plans," The Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, Greenbelt Chapter meeting, January 30, 2019
- Panelist, "Issues Arising in Cases Filed by LLCs or Their Members," The Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, Spring Break Weekend, May 2018
- Moderator, "How to Build Your Brand", Greater Maryland Network of IWIRC, January 24, 2018
- Moderator, "Ponzi's the Name, Clawback's the Game: The Anatomy of a Ponzi Scheme", Greater Maryland Network of IWIRC and MSBA Consumer Bankruptcy Section, March 10, 2017
- Panelist, "Recent Case and Rule Developments in Business Bankruptcy Cases", The Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, Spring Break Weekend, May 2016
- Moderator and Panelist, "Anatomy of a Commercial Lease: Mock Lease Negotiation", Anne Arundel Bar Association and Anne Arundel Community College, March 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

### Published Works

- "Act Fast on Appeal of Confirmed Plan Before Equitable Mootness," Lisa Yonka Stevens and James A. Vidmar, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal* (May 2019)
- "Hard Stop: An Overview of the Automatic Stay for Non-Bankruptcy Practitioners," *The Baltimore Barrister* (Spring 2019 Vol. 8, No. 3)
- *Burnett v. Spencer*, 230 Md.App. 24 (2016) (represented client in appeal of charging order against corporate interest of a recalcitrant judgment debtor; Court held that corporate interest was property subject to enforcement under Maryland's "wild card" provision for collecting judgments)
- *In re Council of Unit Owners of 100 Harborview Drive Condominium*, 584 B.R. 639 (2018) (represented condominium association in summary judgment proceedings against creditors' alleged violations of property damage to luxury condominium unit).
- *In re Council of Unit Owners of 100 Harborview Drive Condominium*, 580 B.R. 135 (2018) (represented condominium association in obtaining summary judgment in its favor because creditors failed to establish disparate treatment or retaliation claim under the Fair Housing Act).
- *In re Hagerstown Block Company*, 570 B.R. 494 (2017) (successfully represented corporate Chapter 11 debtors in their objection to proofs of claim filed by shareholders who had exercised their stock redemption rights).
- *In re Kent Manor Inn, LLC*, 2017 WL 2267241 (represented debtor in successful pursuit to surcharge bank's collateral for various legal fees and certain payroll expenses).
- 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