



PRACTICE FOCUS

With extensive experience at the national and regional levels, Joyce Kuhns brings her in-depth knowledge in delivering creative solutions to help transform financial challenges to successful outcomes. Whether representing businesses as debtors or creditors, creditors’ committees or equity committees, or as an advisor to trustees or regulators, Joyce’s understanding of the complexities of financial and business structures and her experience with out-of-court resolutions as well as litigation at the trial through appellate levels enables her to provide critical strategic advice from the boardroom to the courtroom to a broad spectrum of clients at every stage of the business cycle including directors and officers of companies in crisis. A pragmatic problem-solver, Joyce uses her cross-disciplinary legal skills to meet the daily business needs of her clients and to help reshape their future.

Joyce is frequently invited to lecture before national and international trade groups on restructuring and commercial law issues and has published in regional and national publications on these issues. She has testified before Congress on key legislation in the restructuring industry. She recently served as a member of the Maryland Commercial Receivership Committee that drafted the Maryland Commercial Receivership Act and testified on behalf of passage of the Act before both Houses of the Maryland General Assembly.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Appointed State court receiver under the Maryland Commercial Receivership Act to wind down client matters and business of three-affiliated law firms.
- Led litigation team in obtaining recent dismissal of complex partnership accounting lawsuit and related class action in the Delaware Court Chancery
- Devised successful mediation strategy to settle multi-million-dollar D+O insurance case dispute on behalf of the insureds
- Led out-of-court refinancing and restructuring of one of the largest restaurant franchisees in the United States and advised on related partnership litigation
- Advised regulatory authority on expedited recapitalization and restructuring of entity in the financial services sector that managed billions of dollars in assets
- Represented Equity Committee in Chapter 11 case of largest mall owner and operator in the United States and spinoff of its development assets to newly created public The complex restructuring and successful emergence of the company resulted in over \$5.6B in recovery to equity
- Negotiated successful resolution of fraudulent transfer actions against former officers and directors arising from complex multibillion-dollar LBO and IPO transactions
- Negotiated successful resolution of fraudulent transfer action against a group of affiliated real estate entities in a complex real estate exchange transaction that received funds originating in a Ponzi scheme

ACTIVITIES

- American Bankruptcy Institute (“ABI”), Member, and ABI Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Conference Advisory Board, Former Member
- Greater Maryland Network of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (“IWIRC”) Board Member, 2012 to present; Past Co-Chair, 2012 - 2014
- Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and Chesapeake Chapter, Member
- The College of William and Mary School of Law Foundation Board Member, 2009 to present; Current President
- American Bar Association, Business and Business Bankruptcy Sections, Member
- International Council of Shopping Centers, Legal Advisory Council, Member, and Bankruptcy Task Force, Former Member
- Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association, Member
- Maryland State Bar Association, Member
- Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Maryland Chapter Board, Member, 2011 to 2017; Development Committee, Chair, 2012 to 2017; Memory Ball Committee, Co-Chair, 2008 to 2011; Member, 2008 to present; Memory Ball, Co-Chair, 2008 to 2011; Committee, Member, 2008 to present

JOYCE A. KUHNS

Principal, Baltimore

PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Business Law and Transactions
- Business Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Creditors Rights, Reorganization and Bankruptcy

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

- The College of William and Mary School of Law, J.D.
- Smith College, B.A.
- Maryland

- Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore, Board of Trustees member; Current Vice President
- Leadership Maryland, Class of 2007
- O/K Women LEAD Steering Committee, Member; Leadership and Advancement Task Force, Chair
- Executive Alliance f/k/a Network 2000, Member; Women on Boards Subcommittee, Member

HONORS

- Named to The Best Lawyers in America list, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Bankruptcy Litigation, 2007 to present
- Named to The Daily Record's list of "Top 100 Women in Maryland," 2013
- Selected as a Maryland Super Lawyer, 2008 to present
- "Who's Who in Bankruptcy," Baltimore Business Journal, 2001

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