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Ashley Edwards has successfully represented creditors in all aspects of commercial debt collection and loss mitigation, including loan restructuring, bankruptcy, litigation, and post-judgment execution. Her clients include Fortune 500 companies, national, regional, and community banks, nontraditional lenders, finance companies, lessors, and manufacturers.

She also advises and represents clients from various industries in the purchase and sale of assets under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, Chapter 11 plan confirmation, and the assumption and rejection of contracts. In particular, she has extensive experience defending national companies against preference and fraudulent transfer actions in a wide variety of jurisdictions.

Ashley also represents clients in a broad range of business litigation in federal and state courts, as well as mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. She has defended principals and officers in derivatives lawsuits and against claims of fraud, embezzlement, and racketeering. She is also experienced in issues related to insider trading and corporate structure.

A seasoned litigator, Ashley is admitted to practice before all U.S. Bankruptcy and District Courts in North Carolina and Georgia, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Prior to joining Parker Poe, Ashley clerked for the Honorable J. Craig Whitley of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of North Carolina.

In addition, Ashley serves on the Southeastern Advisory Board of the American Bankruptcy Institute. She is also a member of Parker Poe's Pro Bono Committee and averages more than 80 hours of pro bono services each year. She focuses her pro bono work with North Carolina's Guardian ad Litem program, through which she represents abused and neglected children.

Ashley has earned a Yellow Belt Certification in Legal Lean Sigma® and Project Management from the Legal Lean Sigma Institute. She teamed up with clients to earn the certification through a two-day course that Parker Poe hosted.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented creditors and unsecured creditors committees in all types of commercial and consumer bankruptcy litigation, including relief from stay, cash collateral issues, defense of preference actions, breach of duty, fraudulent transfer, claims against insiders and filing of involuntary



#### CHARLOTTE OFFICE



#### PRACTICE AREAS

Financial Restructuring & Insolvency  
 Commercial Foreclosure & Receivership Litigation



#### EDUCATION

Emory University  
 JD, 2009  
 Wake Forest University  
 BA, cum laude, 2005



#### ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 2010  
 Georgia, 2018



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bankruptcy petitions, challenges to disclosure statements, and plans of reorganization.

- Assisted creditors with recognition and protection of their bankruptcy claims, including 503(b)(9) claims and reclamation claims, critical vendor status negotiations, treatment of executory contracts, and general bankruptcy administration.
- Litigated and negotiated a variety of state court actions, including defense of lender liability claims, contract disputes, debt collection actions, title insurance claims, foreclosures, and receiverships.
- Advised various banking institutions on out-of-court workouts to obtain favorable and timely results without the legal expenses associated with protracted court battles in state, federal, and bankruptcy court.
- Handled appeals of adversary proceedings, contested bankruptcy matters, and pro bono Guardian ad Litem cases.

### PUBLICATIONS

- "Move Over, Section 363: Why Buyers May Prefer Plan Sales in Subchapter V," American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Journal, September 2020
- "Food for Thought: The Efficiencies Achieved by Trimming an Industry at Overcapacity through Mergers vs. Chapter 11 Reorganization," November 2015

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Dealing With Distressed Vendors and Customers," Parker Poe Webinar, August 2020
- "Ethics Quick Hits," Southeast Virtual Bankruptcy Workshop, July 2020
- "The Impact of Technology on the Legal Profession and Ethical Considerations to Avoid Malpractice," American Bankruptcy Institute Insolvency Symposium, San Juan, Puerto Rico, February 2020
- "Dealing With Distressed Vendors and Customers," Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Charlotte Chapter, January 2020



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- "Cybersecurity, Data Breaches and Other Privacy-Related Ethical Considerations During Bankruptcy," American Bankruptcy Institute's Southeast Workshop, July 2019
- "Chapter 11 Update," WDNC Bankruptcy Seminar, May 2016
- "Overview of Bankruptcy," Roundpoint Mortgage CLE Presentation, April 2016
- "Panel Discussion on Ethics," Mecklenburg County Bar Ethics CLE, April 2014
- "Amendments to WDNC Bankruptcy Local Rules," Mecklenburg County Bar CLE
- "Landlord Tenant Law: When the Tenant or Landlord Files Bankruptcy
- "Local Rules, Tips/Q&A from Local Rules Committee," WDNC Bankruptcy Seminar/ Mecklenburg County Bar CLE
- "The Implications of Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

## HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021
- American Bankruptcy Institute's 40 Under 40 Winner, 2019
- North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, 2019
- *The Mecklenburg Times* 50 Most Influential Women, 2018
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Next Generation (NextGen) Program, 2018
- Charlotte Chamber Young Professional Awards, YP Business Leader – Small to Midsized Company, Finalist, 2016
- Mecklenburg County Bar Leadership Institute, Class of 2014
- Francis I. Parker Pro Bono Award, 2011
- Legal Services of Southern Piedmont & Legal Aid of North Carolina – Charlotte, Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2011



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### MEMBERSHIPS

- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Next Generation Committee, 2020-2022
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Southeastern Advisory Board, 2016-present
- North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, Council, 2020-present
- Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE), North Carolina Chapter, Vice Chair, 2019-present
- Mecklenburg County Bar, CLE Committee, Chair, 2016-2017, Co-Chair, 2015-2016, Member, 2013-2017
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Seminar Planning Committee, Co-Chair, 2016, Member, 2013-2016; Local Rules Committee, Chair of Litigation Subcommittee, 2013, 2020
- Oyster Roast Inc., 2013-present
- Hands On Charlotte, 2011-present
- Garinger High School Mock Trial Team, Coach, 2011-2012