



**PRACTICE FOCUS**

Frances “Franny” Wilburn is a commercial litigator and bankruptcy attorney who represents national and community-based landlords, property managers, lenders and individuals with an interest in real estate. Acclaimed for her skill and clarity in and out of court, Franny applies her knowledge and experience to assist clients in a broad variety of practice areas such as litigation stemming from commercial lease disputes, eviction actions, secured transactions, property dispositions, workout agreements, foreclosures, creditors’ rights, bankruptcy and general commercial matters. With this background, she effectively advocates on behalf of her clients in all stages of litigation and the enforcement of commercial loan and lease remedies. Additionally, Franny has experience handling commercial leasing transactional matters and transactional matters for financial institutions with a focus on loan transactions secured by real property.

Franny frequently manages multi-million-dollar claims but also offers the same level of assistance for litigation matters of all sizes. As a first-chair trial lawyer with extensive courtroom experience, Franny has won recognition from clients and colleagues alike. Her clients trust her to handle sensitive, high-value claims and transactions and they rely on her pragmatic guidance to solve contentious, multi-party disputes.

Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Franny practiced commercial litigation at a renowned Washington, D.C. firm, where she routinely acted as lead associate in commercial litigation cases throughout the country. In law school, Franny served as a legal intern for a large publicly traded construction company focusing on infrastructure construction projects across the United States. In that capacity, she served as part of the in-house legal department and assisted with national litigation matters involving construction law. She also interned at the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office for the Felony Division Chief, where she gained daily courtroom experience.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- Extensive trial experience appearing in courts in various jurisdictions for hundreds of cases
- Routinely performs transactional leasing work for both private and publicly traded companies throughout the United States
- Represents financial institutions and lenders in connection with the enforcement of loan remedies including foreclosures, bankruptcy, deed in lieu transactions and workout agreements

**RECOGNITIONS**

- The Daily Record's Business Law Power List, 2024
- Rising Star, Maryland Super Lawyers, 2015 - 2018

“I strive to help companies and people efficiently and effectively navigate the judicial process while being both a proactive advocate and business minded and trustworthy advisor.”

**EDUCATION**

- University of Miami, School of Law, J.D.
- Emory University, B.A.

**ADMISSIONS**

- Maryland
- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

**AWARDS**

**FRANCES C. WILBURN**

**Principal and Practice Group Leader, Creditors' Rights, Reorganization and Bankruptcy, Bethesda**

**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Creditors’ Rights, Reorganization and Bankruptcy
- Distressed Real Estate
- Landlord Representation
- Real Estate Litigation And Title Claims Litigation

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Member of the Barristers
- Offit Kurman Mentorship Committee, Founding Member
- Offit Kurman Leadership Program, Participant