



PRACTICE FOCUS

Stephen Metz is a Principal attorney at Offit Kurman. In more than 23 years of practicing law, he has garnered a reputation for being a tremendous advocate for his clients. While typically meeting clients and opposing counsel under less-than-favorable conditions, Stephen applies his signature techniques to each situation: he is fair-minded, a good listener and a straight shooter, providing his best advice and legal tactics in a calm but decisive manner. In addition to earning the respect and appreciation of those he represents, Stephen has been referred to by his legal colleagues as one of the best bankruptcy attorneys in Maryland.

Stephen concentrates his practice in litigation involving bankruptcy, creditors' rights, title disputes and real estate. He frequently represents debtors, creditors, and other parties in bankruptcy cases in various industries, including telecommunications, retail, financial services, real estate, insurance and consumer credit. He also regularly represents owners, lenders and other parties in real estate disputes, including matters involving lien priority, easements, equitable subrogation, reformation of deeds and deeds of trust, conflicts between neighbors, real estate contracts and other title-related actions in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels. He often represents parties in real estate disputes with family members.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- On behalf of secured creditor, won contested chapter 11 confirmation hearing involving competing plans in case involving real estate
- Successful representation of landlords in large retail bankruptcy cases
- Represented landlord in recovery of \$2.3 million lease rejection claim distribution
- Managed and brought to successful resolution preference actions and claims objections on behalf of debtors in several retail cases
- Representation of disbursing agent in confirmed chapter 11 plan in a trucking case
- Won motion to dismiss in fraudulent conveyance action filed by bankruptcy trustee
- Won dischargeability and other matters in bankruptcy cases concerning domestic relations issues
- Won summary judgment on behalf of secured lender in lien priority dispute with judgment lien creditor asserting a senior lien interest
- Won appeal on behalf of owners against neighbor seeking to impose an easement on owners' property
- Won case on behalf of client seeking title by adverse possession against neighbor
- Represented sister against brother for fraud arising out of brother's forgery on deed to real estate
- Represented sister against sibling in case involving landlord/tenant law and disputed title to real estate
- Represented brother and sister against cousins in case involving disputed title to real estate once owned by grandparent
- Represented owner/seller of multi-unit property in District of Columbia in dispute with buyers and agents

AWARDS

- Washingtonian Top Lawyer, 2022
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021-2023
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation - Real Estate, 2022 - 2023
- *Bethesda Magazine* Top Attorneys, Bankruptcy (Creditors), (recognition honors the region's most respected legal practitioners, as chosen by their peers), 2019-2021
- Maryland Super Lawyers, 2014-2023
- Washington, DC Super Lawyers, 2014-2017
- Maryland Rising Stars, Super Lawyers, 2010-2012

EDUCATION

- Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1997, J.D., Honors: Cum Laude

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia

STEPHEN METZ

Principal, Bethesda

PRACTICE AREAS

- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Creditors' Rights, Reorganization and Bankruptcy
- Distressed Real Estate
- Real Estate Litigation And Title Claims Litigation

ACTIVITIES

- Subchapter V Trustee for cases filed in Bankruptcy Courts in Maryland, D.C. and the Alexandria Division of the Eastern District of Virginia
- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, Member
- Bankruptcy Bar Association of the District of Maryland; Chair of Local Rules Committee, 2007; Greenbelt Chapter Chair, 2007-2008; Assistant Secretary, 2008-2009; Secretary, 2009-2010; Assistant Treasurer, 2010-2011; Assistant Secretary, 2012-2013; Secretary, 2013-2014; President-Elect, 2014-2015; President, 2015-2016
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- Bar Association of Montgomery County, MD, Member
- Walter B. Chandler American Inn of Court
- Simon E Sobeloff Law Society,

Member

- Identity, Inc., Board of Director

- University of Maryland, 1994, B.S.

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

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