



Savannah Lavender

Bankruptcy Associate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Financial Services Associate

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. | December 2022 – Present

Associate focusing on Corporate Restructuring and Bankruptcy Work for the Raleigh Office.

- Creditor representation in both consumer and business cases – primarily bank creditors.
- State Court representation of Banks in pursuing judgments against individuals.
- Provide legal advice to bank clients about various issues including trusts and estates.

Bankruptcy Associate

Howard, Stallings, From, Atkins, Angell, & Davis P.A. | May 2021 – December 2022

Sole Associate of the firms Bankruptcy practice. Associate attorney to James. B. Angell assisting with his Chapter 7 Trustee work.

- Creditor representation in bankruptcy cases, primarily Banks and Homeowner Associations.
- Appointed counsel to a Chapter 7 Trustee for the Eastern District and Middle District of North Carolina. Represent the Trustee in all court matters including Adversary Proceedings.
- Draft Complaints, Motions, Orders, Briefs and any other documents to be presented to the Court.
- Civil Litigation work for other partners of the firm including personal injury, business organization, estate work, and property law.

Law Clerk Intern

US Bankruptcy Court for the EDNC | January 2021 – June 2021

Semester law clerk for the Honorable Judge David. M. Warren.

- Present in Judge Warren's Chambers four days a week.
- Attended all court proceedings and prepared notes for the Judge prior to every proceeding.
- Summarized relevant arguments of counsel from Motions and Briefs and reviewed cited Case Law for all proceedings.
- Assisted in Case Law research for Opinions.
- Drafted Court Orders and Opinions.

Student Attorney

Stubbs Bankruptcy Clinic | August 2019 – December 2019; August 2020 – December 2020

The Stubbs Bankruptcy Clinic receives referrals from legal services, private attorneys, the bankruptcy trustees, as well as the court when a person's pro se efforts appear to affect the proper administration of justice. Initially my work began as a student in the Bankruptcy Clinic but I returned the following year for an Independent Study in Chapter 7 Bankruptcies led by Ciara Rogers, the clinic director.

- Counseling clients, gathering information, and preparing the documents to file multiple Chapter 7 liquidation cases, and appearing at 341 Meetings with the trustee with the client.
- Preparing and filing a Chapter 13 case, and preparing and filing reorganization plans by which the clients avoided foreclosures and stayed in their home.
- Acting as primary contact with the clients, returning phone calls, preparing the clients for court appearances, and keeping the clients informed as to the status of their cases

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EDUCATION & CERTIFICATE

Juris Doctorate

Campbell University School of Law
Graduated May 2021

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

University of Central Florida
Graduated May 2017

Certifications

Certified Notary for the State of North Carolina

Bar Admissions

North Carolina – Admitted 2021

Memberships

North Carolina State Bar
Tenth Judicial District Bar
Wake County Bar Association
North Carolina Bar Association
American Bankruptcy Institute
IWIRC

COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT

Wake County Capital Area Teen Court

Judge and Mentor Attorney
January 2021 – present

North Carolina Bar Association

Member of the Legal Feeding Frenzy Committee
October 2021 – present

Member of the Sexual Orientation and
Gender Identity Committee
December 2021 – present

Volunteer Attorney for the Grab-a-Coffee Program

North Carolina Association of Women
Attorneys

Tech and Communications Chair for the 2022-
2023 Board

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES CONTINUED

Summer Intern

US Bankruptcy Administrator for the EDNC | May 2020 – August 2020

Summer intern working under Margie Lynch during the height of the COVID pandemic.

- Attended court proceedings with the Bankruptcy Administrator's office, both in person and virtually.
- Prepared for court hearings and oral arguments.
- Drafted Motions, Responses, and other documents presented to the Court.
- Researched bankruptcy issues for the Bankruptcy Administrator on a variety of topics including the legality of ghostwriting petitions for a pro se debtor and what the value of property to be distributed under a plan means for purposes of 11 U.S.C § 1129(a)(15)(b).

Intern

NCDOJ: Public Protection | January 2020 – July 2020

Intern with the North Carolina Department of Justice in the Public Protection Section.

- Interacted and corresponded with members of the public who were seeking assistance from the DOJ for consumer fraud, victim / witness services, animal welfare, and health fraud.
- Hosted a state wide round-table forum between NC Counties relating to prison reform and changes to mandatory sentencing guidelines.
- Conducted case law research and drafted briefs for criminal appellate cases assigned to the DOJ.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- January 2021 | Distinguished Law Student for the Fourth Circuit
 - Presented by the American College of Bankruptcy
- 2023 Rising Star
 - Presented by Super Lawyers

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- June 2023 | 50th Eastern Bankruptcy Institute Seminar
 - Panelist – Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

- "503(b)(9) Claims in Bankruptcy: Understanding the "Golden Ticket" Administrative Claim" (May 2023)