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OVERVIEW

Pam has more than 25 years of bankruptcy experience. She is a North Carolina Board Certified Specialist in Business and Consumer Bankruptcy Law and a North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Superior Court Mediator. Prior to joining Ellis & Winters, she was a staff attorney to Judge Joseph N. Callaway, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. With a combined 14 years with the court, Pam has served as a staff attorney to Judge A. Thomas Small and Judge Stephani W. Humrickhouse, and as a law clerk to Judge J. Rich Leonard. Previously, Pam was a partner in the bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, PLLC where she represented secured and unsecured creditors including institutional lenders, employees, trade creditors, and lessors in federal and state courts in commercial and consumer matters.

Pam teaches the bankruptcy survey course at Campbell Law School and is a contributing editor to West's Bankruptcy Exemptions Manual and the North Carolina Bankruptcy Practice Manual. She served as co-managing editor of the North Carolina Bankruptcy Practice Manual when the 2005 revisions to the Bankruptcy Code were enacted. She has served on the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina and the Local Civil Rules Subcommittee for the U.S. District Court for the EDNC, and as a member of both the North Carolina Bar Association's Dispute Resolution and Bankruptcy Section Councils. Pam is a frequent writer and speaker on bankruptcy topics and is a 2016 recipient of the North Carolina Bar Association's Citizen Lawyer Award.

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- ▶ J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law, 1994
 - ▶ Honors: with Honors, The Order of Barristers
- ▶ B.A. University of Pennsylvania, 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

- ▶ North Carolina

COURT ADMISSIONS

- ▶ Eastern District of North Carolina
- ▶ Middle District of North Carolina
- ▶ Western District of North Carolina
- ▶ United States Supreme Court
- ▶ United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

BANKRUPTCY COURT ADMISSIONS

- ▶ Eastern District of North Carolina
- ▶ Middle District of North Carolina
- ▶ Western District of North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- ▶ HopeLine Inc.

- ▶ Board of Directors, 2012-2016
- ▶ President, 2014-2015
- ▶ Vice President, 2013-2014
- ▶ Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System, Roadways to the Federal Bench Local Roundtable Event, October 24, 2019
 - ▶ Lawyer Co-Chair, 2018-2019
- ▶ United States Bankruptcy Court Mental Health Project
 - ▶ Chair, 2016-present, 2002-2005
- ▶ United States Bankruptcy Court, E.D.N.C.
 - ▶ Local Rules Committee, 2010-2018
 - ▶ Co-secretary, 2005-2010
 - ▶ Information Technology Committee, 2007-2008
 - ▶ New Legislation Committee, 2005-2007
- ▶ United State District Court, E.D.N.C., Local Rules Committee
 - ▶ Local Civil Rules Subcommittee Member, 2011-2015
 - ▶ Bankruptcy Court Liaison, 2007-2010
- ▶ North Carolina Bar Association
 - ▶ Awards and Recognition Committee, 2018-present
 - ▶ Women in the Profession Committee, 2018-present
- ▶ North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section
 - ▶ Co-chair, CLE Committee, Annual Bankruptcy Institute, 2019
 - ▶ Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, 2019-2020
 - ▶ Section Council, 2017-2018, 2005-2008
 - ▶ Annual Bankruptcy Institutes, sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Course Planning Committee, 2010-2011, 2013
- ▶ North Carolina Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section
 - ▶ Section Council, 2015-2018
- ▶ American Bankruptcy Institute, 2005-present
- ▶ National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, Academic Member, 2014-present
- ▶ Credit Abuse Resistance Education Program (CARE)
 - ▶ North Carolina Leadership Committee, 2019-present
 - ▶ North Carolina Program Founder and Coordinator, 2007-2010
- ▶ Wake County Bar Association
 - ▶ Tenth Judicial District Lawyers Support Committee, 2007-2015
 - ▶ Chair, 2009
 - ▶ Vice Chair, 2007-2008

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

- ▶ Ethics, Eastern Bankruptcy Institute, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, May 31, 2019
- ▶ Bankruptcy Basics for ADR Professionals, Thorny Issues and Ethical Minefields in Mediation and Arbitration (Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting) sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Pinehurst, North Carolina, March 17, 2017
- ▶ Mental Health Update, Eastern Bankruptcy Institute, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, May 6, 2016
- ▶ The Intersection of Intellectual Property Law and Bankruptcy Law, Webinar sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Cary, North Carolina, December 2, 2015
- ▶ Guest Lecturer, Bankruptcy and Advanced Reorganization Classes at Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Campbell University, UNC School of Law, and North Carolina Central University School of Law (2009-2015)
- ▶ Chapter 11 Bankruptcy: A Panel Discussion Regarding Valuation, the Head Grading case, and Dirt for Debt, Things Every Creditor's Attorney Should Know, sponsored by the North Carolina Creditors Bar Association, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 11, 2013
- ▶ Bankruptcy, North Carolina Practical Skills: Basics in Substantive Areas of Law, sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Cary, North Carolina, October 21, 2011
- ▶ Exemptions, Basics of Bankruptcy, sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Cary, North Carolina, September 23, 2011
- ▶ Exemptions, Bankruptcy for Beginners and Part-time Practitioners, sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Cary, North Carolina, September 24, 2010
- ▶ Exemptions, Legal Seminar sponsored by the Clerk of Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Wilson, North Carolina, April 19, 2010
- ▶ Consumer / Non-Business Chapter 11 – A Primer, 31st Annual Bankruptcy Institute, sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Asheville, North Carolina, November 21, 2008

- ▶ Chapter 11 Update, Eastern Bankruptcy Institute, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, June 3, 2006
- ▶ Getting Down to the Nitty Gritty: The Interim Rules and Forms, Conference for Bankruptcy Administrators and Staff on the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, jointly sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Atlanta, Georgia, August 23, 2005
- ▶ Chapter 11 Update: How the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 Will Affect Chapter 11 Cases, Eastern Bankruptcy Institute, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, June 4, 2005
- ▶ Chapter 13 Case Update, North Carolina Bar Association Consumer Law Symposium, Cary, North Carolina, September 17, 2004
- ▶ Mental Wellness Update, Eastern Bankruptcy Institute, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, May 30, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Contributing Editor, West's Bankruptcy Exemption Manual (2011 – 2019)
- ▶ Contributing Editor, "Exemptions," North Carolina Bankruptcy Practice Manual (8th ed. 2017) (7th ed. 2012)
- ▶ With Terri L. Gardner, "Achieving Results for Creditor Clients in Chapter 11 Cases: Key Strategies," Creditors' Rights in Chapter 11 Cases, 2013 ed.: Leading Lawyers on Representing and Enforcing the Rights of Creditors in Bankruptcy Matters (Inside the Minds), Thomson Reuters Westlaw, Aspatore (2013)
- ▶ Co-managing Editor and Contributing Editor, North Carolina Bankruptcy Practice Manual (6th ed. 2007)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- ▶ North Carolina Bar Association Citizen Lawyer Award, 2016
- ▶ United States Bankruptcy Court Recognition for Outstanding Leadership, December 2009
- ▶ Tenth Judicial District Bar President's Award of Excellence, December 2009
- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Rating

UPDATES

NEWS POSTS

- ▶ [Pam McAfee Leads Team of Law Students in 29th Annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition](#)