



Donald C. Schultz

Don joined the firm in 1993 and is the Chair of the firm’s Commercial Bankruptcy and Creditor’s Rights Practice Group. He practices in the areas of commercial real estate finance, civil litigation, construction law, eminent domain, business bankruptcy and creditors’ rights. He represents lenders and developers in significant commercial real estate transactions throughout the eastern half of the United States. He has provided advice and counsel to clients in commercial real estate financing, loan workouts, construction matters, collections and foreclosures and has successfully represented housing authorities in numerous eminent domain cases. The common thread running through such diverse engagements is commercial real estate.

Mr. Schultz has been listed in the Best Lawyers publication each year since 2011 and was recognized as Best Lawyers' Norfolk Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law "Lawyer of the Year" for 2015, 2019 and 2021 and was recognized as Best Lawyers' Norfolk Litigation-Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year" for 2022. He has also been recognized by Virginia Super Lawyers and Virginia Legal Elite for many years. He has served as President of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, President of the Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association and has served on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association. In January of 2018, Mr. Schultz was inducted as a Fellow in the Virginia Law Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Virginia State Bar. Each year the Foundation selects a group of top lawyers and retired judges for their integrity, character, and legal excellence to be inducted as Fellows.

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Practice Areas

Commercial Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Practice Group Chair

Business Law

Business Disputes

Commercial Real Estate Law

Construction Law

Litigation

Business & Industries

Banks

Financial Services Institutions

Municipal Corporations

Redevelopment and Housing Authorities

Construction Contractors

Honors & Awards

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell

Virginia Law Foundation, Fellow (2018)

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Law; and Litigation-Bankruptcy (2011-2022); Eminent Domain & Condemnation Law (2014-2022); Banking and Finance Law (2022)

Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year", Norfolk Eminent Domain & Condemnation Law (2015, 2019-2022)

Listed in *Virginia Super Lawyers*, Creditor Debtor Rights, 2006-2021; Selected to Top 100 Virginia *Super Lawyers* (2013, 2015 and 2018)

Listed in *Virginia Business Legal Elite*®, by *Virginia Business Magazine*, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights, (2003, 2009-2020)

Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service, Tidewater Council Boy Scouts of America (2013)

Education

Washington & Lee University School of Law, J.D., 1989

University of Virginia , B.A., History, 1986

Bar Admissions

Virginia State Bar

Virginia Supreme Court

United States Supreme Court

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia

Memberships

Virginia Bar Association, Board of Governors; Chairman, Membership Committee

Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association (Offices held: President, Secretary, Treasurer)

Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association (Offices held: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman, Young Lawyers Section, Chairman, Courts of Justice Committee, Chairman, Bench-Bar Conference Committee)

Virginia Beach Bar Association

Second District Disciplinary Committee, Chairman Section I

Community Involvement

Boy Scouts of America, Tidewater Council, Executive Board

CIVIC Leadership Institute, Class of 2012
Educational Access and Guidance Project

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce (Graduate of LEAD Hampton Roads Program)

Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Virginia (Non-Voting Board Member)

Independent Living Program, Norfolk Social Services (Instructor)

Representative Experience

- Former Law Clerk to the Honorable Blackwell N. Shelley of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia.
- Represents regional and national financial institutions in workouts, litigation (bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy) and asset-backed lending.
- Has successfully represented clients in obtaining pre-judgment property seizures and attachments.
- Has successfully represented clients in obtaining injunctive relief in federal and state courts.
- Represents municipal entities in eminent domain and redevelopment matters.
- Successfully represented non-profit corporation in obtaining summary judgment on all counts of a multimillion dollar class-action civil rights lawsuit.

Articles and Presentations

- Panel Member, "Ten (or more) Litigation Opinions You Need to Know About", 22nd Annual Bankruptcy Law Conference, Virginia Bar Association (May 2-3, 2019)
- Presenter, "Eminent Domain Constitutional Amendment", Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, (October 2, 2012)
- Presenter, "Eminent Domain Constitutional Amendment", HRACRE, (August 9, 2012)
- Presenter, "Eminent Domain & Constitutional Amendment in Virginia", 2012 Update in the Law Seminar, Stewart Title Guaranty Company, (July 10, 2012)
- "Tenancy by Entirety Law in Virginia and United States v. Kraft", Bankruptcy Law News, (Summer 2003)
- Donald C. Schultz, W. Ryan Snow, "Injunction Practice In Virginia State and Federal Courts", (April 24, 2003)
- Donald C. Schultz, W. Ryan Snow, "Recent Developments In The Admissibility Of Expert Witness Testimony Under State And Federal Law", (February 28, 2002)
- "Admiralty Law in a Bankruptcy Context", Bankruptcy Law News, (Winter 1995)