



L. Lou Allen

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L. Lou Allen is a Senior Member of the Firm and is head of the Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy Service Group in the Firm's Atlanta office.

Ms. Allen's practice is focused on the representation of institutional lenders and servicers throughout the State of Georgia. She represents clients in all aspects of creditor' rights including foreclosure, bankruptcy, workouts and litigation. Ms. Allen has represented institutional lenders throughout her entire 26 years of practice. She is also knowledgeable in the areas of real estate, commercial and consumer law.

Ms. Allen is a former Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee for the Northern District of Georgia. Ms. Allen served on the private panel of trustees from 1989 to 2007. Ms. Allen is also a member of the Florida Bar.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
- Creditors' Rights, Out-of-Court Workouts & Commercial Litigation
- Financial Institutions
- Financial Services Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Represented lender in foreclosure of a large medical complex
- Represented lender in foreclosure of a major office building in downtown Atlanta
- Represented institutional lender in workout of multi-million dollar credit facility involving a shopping center
- Represents every major loss share financial institution in Georgia

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Diversity Committee, Member
- Atlanta Office Recruiting Committee, Member (ex officio)
- Management Committee, Member (2011-15)

MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Georgia
- Atlanta Bar Association
- The Florida Bar

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, Member

EDUCATION

Georgia State University College of Law J.D. 1987

- *Georgia State University Law Review*, Member, 1985-86; Lead Articles Editor, 1986-87

- American Jurisprudence Award in Litigation, Recipient

University of South Carolina B.A. 1975

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

Lou is a lecturer for the State Bar of Georgia Continuing Legal Education and the United States Trustee Continuing Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee Legal Education.

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Prior to law school, Ms. Allen owned and operated the first fine dining restaurant in the Virginia-Highlands area of Atlanta. Ms. Allen is a former high school teacher and a past adjunct professor at the Georgia State University of Law. She is also an avid swimmer and golfer, and is a member of the hole-in-one club!

ACCOLADES

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