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Jill Walters represents financial institutions, alternative finance companies, businesses of all sizes, and individuals in bankruptcy cases, adversary proceedings, creditors' rights litigation, workouts, and the general restructuring process.

Ms. Walters offers clients more than 15 years of versatile experience in representing and counseling clients in corporate insolvency, distressed lending, restructuring and bankruptcy, and complex Chapter 11 cases. Her clients include secured and unsecured creditors and creditors' committees in reorganizations and liquidations nationwide, as well as purchasers and sellers of debt and assets in foreclosure sales, Article 9 sales, and Chapter 11 363 sales. She has extensive experience in bankruptcy litigation centered on the defense of preference and fraudulent transfer actions, as well as dischargeability contests, including significant student loan litigation activity. Her practice spans multiple sectors, including health care, banking and finance, real estate, agriculture, education, transportation, hospitality, retail, construction, and manufacturing.

She has represented national and regional bank lenders, specialty ag lenders, and farm credit lenders on distressed ag loans with a mix of collateral types, including overall farm production, real estate, equipment, crops, and live animals. Her primary focus has been working with clients in Chapters 11 and 12 bankruptcy issues, and litigation for perfection and marshaling issues. Additionally, her work focuses on transactions, including forbearances and workouts, and preparing loan modifications and renewals post-default and post-bankruptcy.

Ms. Walters holds leadership positions in the International Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, National Democratic Institute, and North Carolina Bar Association. She is also active in the Raleigh community, serving on the board of directors of Note in the Pocket and volunteering for Legal Aid of North Carolina and Haven House Services.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national bank with a defaulted loan portfolio on matters in Florida, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C. Representation included all chapters of bankruptcy, restructuring/workouts, litigation/collection, estate claims, and ancillary litigation.
- Represented a client in a bankruptcy proceeding on claims resulting from PPE fraud relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and unrecovered thereafter. Traced the client's missing funds to a bank in Vietnam. Currently working with proper federal authorities to recover.
- Represented a national equipment manufacturer in workout, bankruptcy, replevin, and litigation matters in Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.
- Served as national bankruptcy counsel to an equipment finance client in bankruptcy cases filed under all chapters of the United States Bankruptcy Code across the country.
- Represented a multinational client in litigation related to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority bankruptcy case pending in the District of Puerto Rico.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in North Carolina *Super Lawyers* in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights (2022 – 2024)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Bankruptcy/Restructuring lawyer in North Carolina (2022, 2023)

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2022, 2024)
- Recognized in *Business North Carolina* magazine's Legal Elite, Bankruptcy (2021 – 2024)
- Listed in North Carolina *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star (2013 – 2017)
- Member – International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation
 - Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee (2021 – present)
- Member – International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation – Carolinas Network
 - Board of Directors, Treasurer (2015 – present)
- Member – North Carolina Bar Association
 - Bankruptcy Section Council Member (2018 – present)
 - Bankruptcy Section, Sponsorship Committee Chair (2019 – present)
 - Bankruptcy Section Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair (2017 – 2019)
- Advisory Council Member – National Democratic Institute (2017 – present)
- Board of Directors – Note in the Pocket
 - Strategic Planning Committee Chair (2016 – present)
- Volunteer – Haven House Services (2010 – present)
- Volunteer – Legal Aid of North Carolina (2008 – present)
- Alumni Mentor – Michigan State University College of Law (2007 – present)
- Recognized by the North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- Named to *Triangle Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 List (2019)
- Board of Directors – North Carolina Creditors' Bar Association (2015 – 2018)
- Selected to the North Carolina Rising Stars list by *Super Lawyers* in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights (2013 – 2017)
- Board of Directors and Treasurer – HopeLine, Inc. (2013 – 2016)
- Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Raleigh (2015)
- Next Generation Honoree and Participant, 2013 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges



Publications

- "503(b)(9) Claims in Bankruptcy: Understanding the "Golden Ticket" Administrative Claim" (May 2023)
- Co-author – "Subchapter V. vs. 'Ordinary' Chapter 11 Practice Changes for Small Business Debtors," *Bloomberg Law* (September 2021)
- "How College Sports Agents Become Felons," *USLAW* (Spring/Summer 2014)
- "Once Bitten, Twice Shy – Restructuring Payment of Past Due Accounts to Avoid Bankruptcy Preference Liability," *USLAW* (Fall/Winter 2012)



Speaking Engagements

- Panelist – "Motor Vehicles Roundtable," Equipment Leasing and Finance Association's (ELFA) 2024 Legal Forum (May 2024)
- Panelist – "Chapter 11 Hot Topics," North Carolina Bar Association Annual Bankruptcy Institute (November 2022)
- "Ethics Still? Always," National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 96th Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida (October 2022)
- "FinTech Trends and Issues Panel," American Bankruptcy Institute, 27th Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop, Amelia Island, Florida (July 2022)
- "Title 11 in the Time of COVID 19," North Carolina Bar Association (July 2021)
- "(Almost) Everything you Wanted to Know About Executory Contracts," American Bar Association, Fall Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (October 2014)



Education

- Michigan State University College of Law, J.D., 2007
- Lake Forest College, B.A., 2004



Admissions

- North Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas