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With extensive experience at the national and regional levels, Joyce Kuhns brings her in-depth knowledge in delivering creative solutions to help transform financial challenges to successful outcomes. Whether representing businesses as debtors or creditors, creditors' committees or equity committees, as a receiver or as an advisor to trustees or regulators, Joyce's understanding of the complexities of financial and business structures and her experience with out-of-court resolutions as well as litigation at the trial through appellate levels enables her to provide critical strategic advice from the boardroom to the courtroom to a broad spectrum of clients at every stage of the business cycle including directors and officers of companies in crisis. A pragmatic problem-solver, Joyce uses her cross-disciplinary legal skills to meet the daily business needs of her clients and to help reshape their future. Joyce has significant transactional and litigation experience representing all constituents in distressed real estate settings including lenders, borrowers and investors covering every asset class from multi-family to office to shopping centers, in work-out and in bankruptcy.

Joyce is frequently invited to lecture before national and international trade groups on restructuring and commercial law issues and has published in regional and national publications on these issues. She has testified before Congress on key legislation in the restructuring industry. She recently served as a member of the Maryland Commercial Receivership Committee that drafted the Maryland Commercial Receivership Act and testified on behalf of passage of the Act before both Houses of the Maryland General Assembly. Joyce has also lectured and written on cutting edge legal issues on blockchain technology, cryptocurrency and smart contracts.

Education

- William & Mary School of Law (J.D.)
- Smith College (B.A.)

State Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

Services

- Corporate Finance
- Bankruptcy
- Business Law and Transactions
- Commercial Litigation
- Creditors' Rights
- Distressed Real Estate
- FinTech
- Insurance Recovery

Professional Affiliations

- The College of William and Mary Law School Foundation Board, Past President, 2009-2023; Honorary Trustee, Current
- Executive Alliance f/k/a Network 2000, Board Member; Women on Boards Committee, Co-Chair
- International Council of Shopping Centers, Bankruptcy Task Force, Member; Legal Advisory Council, Former Member
- American Bankruptcy Institute (“ABI”), Member, and ABI Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy Conference Advisory Board, Former Member
- Greater Maryland Network of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (“IWIRC”) Board Member, 2012 to present; Past Co-Chair, 2012 - 2014
- Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and Chesapeake Chapter, Member
- American Bar Association, Business and Business Bankruptcy Sections, Member
- Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association, Member
- Maryland State Bar Association, Member
- Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Maryland Chapter Board, Member, 2011 to 2017; Development Committee, Chair, 2012 to 2017; Memory Ball Committee, Co-Chair, 2008 to 2011; Member, 2008 to present
- Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore, Former Board of Trustees member; Former Vice Chair
- Leadership Maryland, Class of 2007
- Offit Kurman, P.A., D.E.I. Steering Committee, Member

Recognitions

- Named *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law Litigation - Bankruptcy (2007-2026)
- Maryland Super Lawyers® in Maryland Super Lawyers magazine (2008 to 2024).
- Top 100 Women in Maryland, The Daily Record, 2013
- “Who’s Who in Bankruptcy,” Baltimore Business Journal, 2001

Representative Matters

- Selected as counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Earn Account Holders, the largest group of account holders with over \$2.5B in claims, in the chapter 11 case of cryptocurrency platform Celsius Network
- Appointed State court receiver under the Maryland Commercial Receivership Act to wind down client matters and business of three-affiliated law firms
- Led litigation team in obtaining recent dismissal of complex partnership accounting lawsuit and related class action in the Delaware Court Chancery
- Devised successful mediation strategy to settle multi-million-dollar D+O insurance case dispute on behalf of the insureds
- Led out-of-court refinancing and restructuring of one of the largest restaurant

franchisees in the United States and advised on related partnership litigation

- Advised regulatory authority on expedited recapitalization and restructuring of entity in the financial services sector that managed billions of dollars in assets
- Represented Equity Committee in Chapter 11 case of largest mall owner and operator in the United States and spinoff of its development assets to newly created public company. The complex restructuring and successful emergence of the company resulted in over \$5.6B in recovery to equity
- Negotiated successful resolution of fraudulent transfer actions against former officers and directors arising from complex multibillion-dollar LBO and IPO transactions
- Negotiated successful resolution of fraudulent transfer action against a group of affiliated real estate entities in a complex real estate exchange transaction that received funds originating in a Ponzi scheme

Publications & News

August 21, 2025

98 Offit Kurman Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch Lists

August 6, 2023

Joyce Kuhns to Present at National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees Annual Conference in August

May 2, 2023

Joyce Kuhns to Present at the Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association Annual Conference in May

February 6, 2023

Joyce Kuhns to Present “Cryptocurrencies and Bankruptcies: Clarifying the Unique Legal Considerations

January 15, 2023

Offit Kurman Bankruptcy Principals Present “Creative Exits; Why Bankruptcy is Not the Only Play” in January

Blog Posts

March 31, 2022

Lenders Beware

WHEN IS A LENDER CROSSING THE LINE AND ENTERING LENDER LIABILITY WONDERLAND? A 2022 decision out of a bankruptcy court in Texas reminded lenders that an overly aggressive approach to a borrower can result in lender liability[1] and substantial...

June 21, 2021

Distressed Real Estate and COVID-19 - The Future is Here, Act Now

While COVID-19 restrictions and moratoriums may be coming to an end, COVID-19's

impact on real estate will continue to unfold. Landlords and tenants must still follow best practices: in short, know your contract, know your rights and remedies, and...

Featured Works

Presentations

- "The Girl I Am; the Change I Lead", October 10, 2025
- "Your Past is Your Present: Education is Your Future", October 11, 2024
- "Closing the Gap: Women's Participation on Boards", *Leaderboard*, July 12, 2024, Moderator and Presenter
- "Get Noticed for Board Service", *Executive Alliance*, June 25, 2024, Webinar Moderator and Presenter
- "Hot Topics in Business Bankruptcy Cases - Balancing the Scales: Enforcement of Arbitration Clauses in Bankruptcy Cases", *Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association*, Twenty-Sixth Annual Spring Break Weekend, May 2, 2024 (Presenter)
- "Insolvency 2024 - A Preview of What Industries are Hot, Bankruptcy Alternatives, and the Future of Third-Party Releases", IWIRC at the Shore, February 23, 2024 (Presenter)
- ["Digital Assets in Bankruptcy: What Every Trustee Should Know," *National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees*, Annual Conference, August 18, 2023 \(Presenter\)](#)
- ["Digital Assets in Bankruptcy," *Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association*, Annual Conference, May 5, 2023 \(Presenter\)](#)
- ["Cryptocurrencies and Bankruptcies: Clarifying the Unique Legal Considerations," New Jersey State Bar Association; February 15, 2023 \(Presenter\)](#)
- ["Creative Exits: Why Bankruptcy is Not the Only Play," January 25, 2023; joint presentation with Eisner Amper](#)

Additional Presentations

- ["Enhancing Recovery and Minimizing Loss: Force Majeure and Business Interruption in the Age of COVID-19," *Legal Excellence Week / Maryland State Bar Association*, November 10, 2020 \(Presenter\)](#)

Videos

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