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Stephen Metz is a principal attorney at Offit Kurman. Steve concentrates his practice in litigation involving bankruptcy, creditors' rights, title disputes and real estate. In more than 25 years of practicing law, he has garnered a reputation for being a tremendous advocate for his clients. While typically meeting clients and opposing counsel under less-than-favorable conditions, Steve applies his signature techniques to each situation: he is fair-minded, a good listener and a straight shooter, providing his best advice and legal tactics in a calm but decisive manner. In addition to earning the respect and appreciation of those he represents; Steve has been referred to by his legal colleagues as one of the best bankruptcy attorneys in Maryland.

Steve frequently represents debtors, creditors and other parties in bankruptcy cases in various industries, including telecommunications, retail, financial services, real estate, insurance and consumer credit. Steve also serves as a Subchapter V trustee in Chapter 11 cases filed under the Small Business Reorganization Act. He also regularly represents owners, lenders and other parties in real estate disputes, including matters involving lien priority, easements, equitable subrogation, reformation of deeds and deeds of trust, conflicts between neighbors, real estate disputes between family members, real estate contracts and other title-related actions in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels.

Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Steve clerked for the Honorable Theresa A. Nolan in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, and Judges Mannes, Keir, Schneider and Derby in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. He also was a shareholder at a large regional firm in Maryland for many years.

Education

- Penn State Dickinson Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- University of Maryland (B.S.)
 - Marketing and Transportation/Logistics

State Bar Admissions

Services

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Bankruptcy
- Commercial Litigation
- Creditors' Rights
- Distressed Real Estate
- Real Estate Disputes and Litigation
- Restructuring Debts and Workout

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia

Court Admissions

- United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Professional Affiliations

- Subchapter V Bankruptcy Trustee (for cases filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for D.C., Maryland and Eastern District of Virginia)
- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
 - NABT Foundation, Board of Directors, Treasurer
- Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland
 - Past President
 - Program Book and CLE Coordinator, Annual Spring Break Weekend
- Member, Bankruptcy Bar Association/U.S. District Court Liaison Committee
- Member of the D.C. Bankruptcy Court Local Rules Committee
- Walter B. Chandler American Inn of Court
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Maryland State Bar Association
 - Member, Consumer Bankruptcy Section
- Montgomery County, Maryland Bar Association
 - Member, Fee Dispute Resolution Committee
- Simon E. Sobeloff Jewish Law Society
- Identity, Inc. Board Member and former Board Chair

Recognitions

- 2025 Top Attorney for Bankruptcy: Individuals' Rights, Bethesda Magazine
- Named *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking and Finance, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Real Estate (2021-2026)

- Named to *Maryland Super Lawyers*® list, (2014 - 2027)
- Washingtonian Top Lawyer, 2024