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Frank leads the banking, bankruptcy, and creditors rights team at Nelson Mullins. He and his team represent banks, lenders, businesses in need of reorganization or restructuring, bankruptcy trustees, receivers, and examiners, creditors' committees, and more. He focuses his practice on bankruptcy and commercial litigation, technology law and litigation, business litigation, and product liability. Frank is also a certified Circuit Court Mediator.

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2009–2026), Commercial Litigation (2021–2026), Litigation – Bankruptcy (2009–2026), Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law (2009–2026), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2009–2026)
- [AV Martindale Hubbell rating](#)
- [South Carolina Super Lawyers](#), Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights and Business Litigation (2008–2022)
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Lawyer of the Year, Columbia, SC, Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law (2020)
- [Columbia Business Monthly "Legal Elite of the Midlands"](#)
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights (2011, 2013, 2020–2021, 2024)
 - Business Litigation (2022, 2024)
- S.C. Supreme Court Pro Bono Honor Roll ([2021](#))

Professional Activities

- J. Bratton Davis Bankruptcy American Inn of Court (current)
- South Carolina Bar

Education

University of South Carolina School of Law, JD (1984)

Washington and Lee University, BA, History (1981)

Admissions

South Carolina

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States

Practice Areas

[Bankruptcy & Insolvency Related Litigation](#)

[Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights & Restructuring](#)

[Creditor Representation](#)

[Litigation](#)

[Trustee, Receivership Practice & Representation](#)

Industries

[Technology and Commercial Transactions](#)

[Consumer Products & Retail](#)

[Life Sciences, Pharmaceuticals & Medical](#)

- House of Delegates (current)
- Certified Circuit Court Mediator (current)
- American Bar Association
 - House of Delegates (2002–2004)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Defense Research Institute
- Richland County Bar Association
 - President (2006)
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- South Carolina Bar Foundation
 - President (2008–2009)

Devices

Articles & Speeches

Blogs

[Bondholders Fail to Thwart Global Settlement Approval as Bankruptcy Estate's Largest Creditor](#), Red Zone - Author (March 18, 2024)

[Crossing the "The": The Importance of Careful Drafting for Recorded Mortgages](#), Red Zone - Author (July 11, 2022)

[Bankruptcy Litigation Practice Tip: The Pending Proceeding Rule](#), Red Zone - Author (December 7, 2021)

[CARES Act Makes Small Business Bankruptcy More Accessible](#), Red Zone - Co-Author (April 1, 2020)