



Augustus C. Epps, Jr.

Partner

Richmond, VA

P: 804.420.6543

F: 804.420.6507

aepps@williamsmullen.com



For more than 30 years, Gus Epps has concentrated his practice on bankruptcy and insolvency matters. Although his primary focus has been on representation of creditors, he also has represented debtors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and trustees in Chapter 7 cases. In addition, he has served as a Chapter 11 trustee.

Gus has represented clients from numerous industries in bankruptcy cases, including retail, real estate and leasing, health care, manufacturing and more. In addition, he is also experienced in federal and Virginia state court receiverships. His other legal experience includes bank representation, asset acquisitions and dispositions and the representation of commercial and consumer lenders. He has significant public finance experience, including financing of state authorities and other political subdivisions.

Gus is a former chair of the Richmond Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section. He is a member of the St. Christopher's School Alumni Association's Advisory Board, and he formerly served on the board of directors of The Richmond Symphony. He has also been named among Virginia's "Legal Elite" by *Virginia Business* for Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights (2003, 2007-2011, 2013). From 2004-2007, he served as a member of Mayor Douglas Wilder's Commission on Regional Cooperation.

Gus earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University.

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

- Banking & Financial Services
- Financial Services

Experience

- Represented the official committee of unsecured creditors in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of AMF Bowling Worldwide, Inc., and its affiliates.
- Represented the debtor in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of a mid-sized law firm.
- Represented groups of landlords in several large retailer bankruptcies, including Circuit CityStores, Inc., Movie Gallery, Inc., S&K Famous Brands, Inc., The Gymboree Corporation and Toys "R" Us, Inc.
- Represented the purchaser of a significant portion of the operating assets of LandAmerica Financial Group.
- Represented the liquidating trusts in the Chapter 11 cases of a large Virginia manufacturing entity and a large retailing entity.
- Represented the debtor in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of a full-service hospital in eastern Virginia.
- Represented the Chapter 7 trustee of the estate of a large leasing entity that had been "brought down" by a criminal leasing fraud.
- Represented the state-court-appointed receiver for a large chemical plant in eastern Virginia, during both the operational and liquidation phases of the receivership.
- Represented lessors under coal leases in several large coal company bankruptcies, including Patriot Coal Corporation and Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.
- Represented creditors in prosecuting involuntary bankruptcy petitions.
- Served as a Chapter 11 trustee in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Prosecuted and defended many preference, fraudulent conveyance and other avoidance actions.
- Represented creditors in dischargeability and objection to discharge litigation.
- Represented Chapter 7 trustees in various aspects of estate collection and administration.

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.), 1973
- Yale University (B.A.), 1970

Professional Affiliations

- Virginia State Bar
- Virginia Bar Association
- Richmond Bar Association ? Past Chair, Bankruptcy Practice Section (1992-1993)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- The Bond Club of Virginia ? President (1999-2000)

Awards

- Named among Virginia's "Legal Elite" by Virginia Business magazine for Bankruptcy (2003, 2007-2011, 2013))