

## Eric Ray

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Eric Ray represents financial institutions, lenders, utilities and other creditors in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, adversary proceedings and other types of commercial litigation. Eric's experience includes all facets of creditor representation including preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, executory contract issues, asset sales and purchases, and bankruptcy appellate proceedings.

Eric also counsels and advises utilities and businesses on issues involving the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) including analyzing and creating TCPA compliance programs. His regulatory work extends to issues involving the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, and Eric routinely counsels the firm's utility clients in the development and implementation of client-specific bankruptcy, regulatory, and collection-related policies and procedures.

Eric is recognized in *Best Lawyers* for his bankruptcy, restructuring and commercial litigation experience.

### EXPERIENCE

- **Bondholders representative facilitates appointment of federal receiver for ALF defaulted bond issue in Florida**  
Served as counsel to bondholders representative facilitating the appointment of a federal receiver to finish construction of \$42 million defaulted bond issue for Florida senior assisted living facility.
- **Bondholders representative facilitates deed in lieu agreement on bond issue secured by senior living facility in Alabama**  
Served as counsel to bondholders representative facilitating deed in lieu agreement on a \$7 million bond issue secured by a senior living facility in Anniston, Alabama.
- **FM Coal and affiliates confirm plan of reorganization**  
Served as lead bankruptcy counsel to FM Coal, LLC and five of its affiliates in their Chapter 11 cases and in negotiating a plan of reorganization.
- **Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy relief**

Serving as primary debtor's counsel to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

## **EDUCATION**

- J.D., *cum laude*, The University of Mississippi School of Law, 1998
  - Mississippi Law Journal
- B.S., Auburn University, 1996

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Mississippi
- Alabama

## **RECOGNITIONS**

### **Chambers USA**

- Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Alabama), 2019-2022

### **The Best Lawyers in America© (BL Rankings)**

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2010-2023
- Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2010-2023

## **PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, Alabama State Bar
- Member, Mississippi Bar Association
- Member, Birmingham Bar Association
- Executive Committee Member, Utility Bankruptcy Conference