

Jane H. Downey

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Moore, Taylor & Thomas, P.A., West Columbia, South Carolina. 2008-present.

- Created and developed bankruptcy department at firm in of counsel role, supervising attorneys and support staff, including overseeing marketing, client intake, case management, and administrative responsibilities. Cases range from debtor to creditor representation in Chapters 7, 11 and 13.

Jane H. Downey, P.A., Columbia, South Carolina. 1997-present.

- Full service bankruptcy practice, representing creditors and debtors with an emphasis on creditor litigation and debtor filings in a boutique practice setting, enabling attorney and staff to serve clients personally. Clients range from national finance companies, to regional banks and individuals.

Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough, L.L.P., Columbia/Greenville, South Carolina. 1990-1997.

- Practice at largest law firm in South Carolina with offices worldwide focused on bankruptcy law, particularly in domestic law and bankruptcy. Responsibilities included taking the lead or secondary role representing the interests of creditors, unsecured creditors' committees and debtors in medium to large cases.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Nominated by SC Bar President to join Pro Bono Committee in 2009 based upon commitment to pro bono program in past. 2009-present.
- *South Carolina Lawyer* Editorial Board 2009-present.
- Bankruptcy & Debtor-Creditor Law Specialization Advisory Board, 2005-2009 Chair; Member since 2003.
- Solo and Small Firm Section of South Carolina Bar 2006-2008, Section Delegate, 2005-2006 Chair, Member 2003-2008.
- South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association Past Member of Board of Directors, Past President, Past Vice-President, Past Secretary, Past Treasurer, Past Chair of Convention and Seminar Planning Committee, Incorporating Attorney, and Past Chair of Public Service Committee, past member of Convention and Seminar Planning Committee.
- Appointed to Committee of South Carolina Bar Probate and Estate Council to study Uniform Trust Code and to make a recommendation to South Carolina legislature by 2005 whether to adopt Code in South Carolina. Legislature adopted recommendations.
- Qualified candidate for Circuit Court Judge by Judicial Merit Selection Commission, 2003.
- Certified by American Bankruptcy Board of Certification in business bankruptcy, 1996.
- Admitted to practice in United States District Court for the District of South Carolina and United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in 1991.
- Admitted to South Carolina Bar in 1990.
- South Carolina Bar Association 1990-present.

- American Bankruptcy Institute member.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Meals on Wheels Volunteer 2009-present.
- Ask-a-Lawyer Program, answering bankruptcy questions in a telephone bank setting, available to public for free, 2007-present.
- SC Bar Pro Bono Program, providing bankruptcy representation for free to low income families, 1990-present.
- Taught English to Chinese kindergarten students, while living in Shenzhen, China 2008.
- Cub Scout leader, 2007-2008.
- Participant in CARE program, providing financial education presentation to high school students pertaining to credit card debt, 2007-2008.
- South Carolina Honorary Chair of the Business Advisory Counsel, 2003.
- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development, City of Columbia, 1998-2002.
- Previously taught bankruptcy at paralegal college.
- Played in Volvo Tennis League.

MEDIATION ACTIVITIES

- Certified Mediator by the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.
- Certified Mediator by South Carolina Supreme Court.
- Certified Arbitrator by South Carolina Supreme Court.
- Midlands Mediation Network: Past Vice-President, and Past Member of Board of Directors.

AWARDS

- Selected to South Carolina Super Lawyers in 2008 and again in 2009.
- Boy Scouts of America Volunteer of the Year presented by The Congaree District of the Indian Waters Council for outstanding service to Pack 8 in 2007-2008.
- 1996 recipient of the Claude M. Scarborough, Jr. Pro Bono Award for Outstanding Legal Assistance to the Poor.
- 1994 Recipient of the William E.S. Robinson Public Service Award, presented by the South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- *South Carolina Lawyer* Editorial Board, 2009
- Marital Litigation in South Carolina, 1st, 2nd and 3rd edition Editorial Board.
- Co-author of *The Paralegal Survivor Guide*, 1999.

LECTURES PRESENTED RECENTLY

- 2009 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, September 2009, Presented Power Point presentation on dischargeability of domestic obligations in bankruptcy cases.
- CARE Program Presentation, Explained effect of credit card debt to local high school students, November 2007.

- Bankruptcy: Practicing under the Bankruptcy Reform Act, February 2007, Presented Nuts and Bolts of Filing a Chapter 13 case. Attendees ranged from experienced lawyers to recent law school graduates.
- Bankruptcy workshop, October 2006, Moderator of Solo/Small Firm Section of the South Carolina Bar's annual section conference and panelist on bankruptcy issues arising from enactment of BAPCPA.
- Chapter 7 Bankruptcy: Disproving a New Presumption of Abuse, September 2005, Presented some changes in BAPCPA to forum of bankruptcy lawyers.
- Basics of Bankruptcy Chapter 11 Practice, May 2005, Presented to South Carolina Bar.
- Domestic Law and Bankruptcy, September 2004, Interactive seminar presented to attendees of South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association.
- Small Business Concerns: Chapter 7 v. Chapter 11, November 2003, Power Point Presentation in advanced bankruptcy seminar to bankruptcy professionals.
- Substantive Skills Training, June 2003, presented seminar to attorneys who provide free legal services to indigent clients with an introduction to bankruptcy law.

REPORTED CASES

- *Breibart v. Breibart (In re Breibart)*, C/A No. 03-07440, Adv. P. No. 04-80195-W (Bankr. D.S.C. Dec. 15, 2004) (JW)
- *Anderson v. Dick Smith Nissan, Inc. (In re Joyner)*, C/A No. 02-12840-W, Adv. Pro. No. 03-80158 (Bankr. D.S.C. Jan. 5, 2004) (JW), *affirmed in re Joyner*, C/A No 3:04-0888-17, slip op. (D.S.C. Dec. 15, 2004)
- *In re Twins*, 295 B.R. 568 (Bankr. D.S.C. 2003)
- *In re Kingsmore*, 295 B.R. 812 (Bankr. D.S.C. 2002)

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, J.D., May 1990.

- Outstanding Young Women of America Recipient
- Moot Court Society: Law Day Competition Semi-Finalist, Special Teams Finalist
- Honor Court Judge
- Phi Alpha Delta Justice
- Student Bar Association Representative
- Student Legal Services Caseworker

Furman University, B.A., June 1987, cum laude, political science major

- Pi Gamma Mu International Social Science Honorary
- Participant in Furman Foreign Study Program in The Baltic, Winter 1987
- Furman Singers.

Vanderbilt University, 1983-1984.