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Jason W. Hardman is a partner in the firm's D.C. Metro office and has a diverse banking, finance and creditors' rights practice. He represents financial services institutions, commercial lenders and other clients in negotiating, documenting and working out complex commercial financing transactions, including real estate loans, asset-based loans, Small Business Administration loans, equipment loans, government contractor loans, second-lien loans, factoring facilities, and a wide variety of other secured and unsecured credit transactions.



Mr. Hardman also regularly represents banks and secured lenders in complex commercial loan workouts, restructurings, chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, asset sales and

commercial litigation matters, including preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, breach of contract litigation, real estate and title claim litigation, lien priority and intercreditor disputes, and proceedings to enforce and collect judgments in State and Federal courts. He also has extensive experience in commercial foreclosures and receivership proceedings involving income producing properties, such as office buildings, shopping centers, restaurants, apartments, condominiums, and marinas. Mr. Hardman's banking and creditors' rights practice spans many industries, including real estate, technology, health care, government contracts, retail, franchise and telecommunications.

Mr. Hardman is rated AV Preeminent* by Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest rating an attorney can receive for both legal ability and ethical standards. Before entering private practice, he served two successive one-year judicial clerkships with the Honorable James P. Salmon of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland in 2002 and the Honorable E. Stephen Derby of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland in 2003.

Mr. Hardman is admitted to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia, as well as the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, and the Maryland Bar Association.

Mr. Hardman received his B.S. from the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business (College Park) in 1999, where he was also a member of the wrestling team. He earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 2002, and he was inducted into the Heuisler Honor Society. While in law school, he was Associate Editor of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum* and President of the University of Baltimore Students for Public Interest Law.

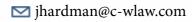
PRACTICE AREAS

- Financial Transactions
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- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business (B.S., 1999)

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