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William F. Dobbs, Jr., is Of Counsel in the Financial Services industry group, focusing primarily on bankruptcy and commercial restructuring. Bill also served on the Firm's Executive Committee. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Bill regularly represents creditors, bankruptcy debtors, and creditor committees in the Southern and Northern District Courts of West Virginia.

When it comes to corporate law, Bill literally wrote the book: he co-authored the Corporate Law Section of the *West Virginia Practice Handbook* in 1986, and has lectured on bankruptcy and commercial law to numerous bar and industry groups. He previously served as chairman of the Bankruptcy Committee of the West Virginia State Bar and has served on the Local Rules Committee of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Bill's success in his practice has earned him recognition as one of The Best Lawyers in America® since 1989 by Woodward/White and is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Bill graduated with highest honors from the West Virginia College of Law, where he was notes editor on the *West Virginia Law Review* and was awarded the Order of the Coif. He earned an undergraduate degree in political science from West Virginia University, again graduating with highest honors.

Awards

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions and Mergers and Acquisitions Law (1989-2023)
- AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Order of the Coif
- Notes editor, *West Virginia Law Review* (1972-1973)
- Graduated from West Virginia University with highest honors (1973)

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (1973-Present)

Practices

- Bankruptcy

- Business Law
- Commercial Restructuring

Industries

- Coal
- Energy
- Financial Services

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 1973)
- West Virginia University (B.A. in Political Science, 1970)

Admissions

- West Virginia (1973)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of West Virginia

Professional Organizations

- Member, Local Rules Committee
- American Bar Association
- West Virginia State Bar
- Former chairman of Bankruptcy Committee
- Kanawha County Bar Association
- West Virginia Bar Association

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Speaking Engagements

- West Virginia University Bankruptcy Seminar, Bankruptcy Court Jurisdiction: Statutory Authority vs. Constitutional Power (Title 28 Giveth and Article III Taketh Away) (2015)

Writings and Publications

- "Corporation Law," *West Virginia Practice Handbook* (1986)
- "Coal Bankruptcies: Recurring Problems and Pitfalls," co-author, Eastern Mineral Law Foundation, Chapter 9 (1983)