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PRACTICE AREAS

Arbitration & Mediation
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Litigation
Real Estate Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Banking & Finance
Health Care
Real Estate

LICENSED IN

Georgia
North Carolina
South Carolina

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of
Law: J.D., 1999

Emory University: B.A., 1994

EXPERIENCE

Francesca Macchiaverna represents clients in business-to-business commercial debt collection.

She is an experienced litigator who concentrates her practice in disputes involving business and commercial debts and pursuing claims and liens for creditors in the state and federal courts of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Francesca's clients are banks, specialty finance firms, credit analysts, commercial landlords, property managers, heavy equipment dealers, and businesses extending credit to finance sales of goods and services. She provides services in the areas of bankruptcy, creditors' rights, real estate foreclosures, workouts and loss mitigation, adversary proceedings, preference defense, landlord-tenant matters, mechanic's liens and bonds, health care, probate claims, and judgment collection, including foreign judgments.

Francesca was certified as a Circuit Court Mediator in the state of South Carolina in 2013.

Francesca has an AV Preeminent Rating, indicating high ethical standing, from Martindale-Hubbell.

Francesca is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Georgia and South Carolina as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2022, she was admitted to the North Carolina bar. She is a member of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Sections of the State Bar of Georgia, the Savannah Bar Association, and the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers. She is also a member of the South Carolina bar, the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, and the South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association. Francesca is a frequent presenter at professional education programs on bankruptcy, credit issues, and commercial landlord-tenant topics, and she formerly authored the Greater Savannah Apartment Association legal newsletter for many years.

She received her B.A. from Emory University and her J.D. from the University of South Carolina. While in law school, she was on the editorial board and served as the articles editor for the *South Carolina Environmental Law Journal*.

Currently, Francesca's primary community activity is serving as the treasurer of TEDxSavannah. She is married with two daughters.

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

- *Young v. Catoe*, 33 Fed. Appx. 133 (4th Cir. 2002)
- *Robert Michael Ardis v. Educational Credit Management Corp. (In re Ardis)*,

AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Georgia: Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Section

Savannah Bar Association

Georgia Association for Women Lawyers: Savannah Chapter, Past President, 2011-2012

South Carolina Bar: Board of Governors' Task Force – Lawyers in Transition

South Carolina Women Lawyers Association

South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association

ALFA International: Bankruptcy Law Working Group

COMMUNITY WORK

TEDxSavannah: Board Treasurer

Delta Gamma Alumnae Association

South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association: Presenter, 2021

Leadership Southeast Georgia: Class of 2019

Leadership Savannah: Class of 2016-2017

ALFA International: Bankruptcy Law Presenter, 2019

Coastal Bankruptcy Law Institute: Presenter, 2017-2018

Coastal Heritage Society: Board of Trustees, 2013-2018; Executive Board, 2019-2021

Georgia High School Mock Trial Program: Scoring or Presiding Judge

South Carolina High School Mock Trial Program: Scoring or Presiding Judge

340 B.R. 309 (Bankr. S.C. 2006)

- *SunTrust Bank v. Global One, L.L.C. (In re Global One, L.L.C.)*, 411 B.R. 524 (Bankr. S.D. Ga. 2009)
- *Gerguis v. Statesboro HMA Medical Group, LLC*, No. A14A1616, 2015 WL 1215045 (Ga.Ct.App. March 18, 2015)
- *Gray Tybee, II, LLC, et al. v. Charles W. Coker, Jr. (In the Matter of Coker)*, 569 B.R. 521 (Bankr. S.D. Ga. 2017)

ARTICLES

Greater Savannah Apartment Association Newsletter (n/k/a Coastal Georgia Apartment Association)

Published from May 2015 to May 2017.

Strengthening the Financial Foundation of Your Business in the New Year

Published in *Business in Savannah* on January 16, 2016.

South Carolina Environmental Compliance Update

Published from May 1998 to May 1999.

The Reformulated Gasoline Case: International Trade's Impact on U.S. Environmental Policy

Published in the Summer 1998 issue of the *South Carolina Environmental Law Journal*.

PRESENTATIONS

Bankruptcy Subchapter V

CLE virtual event presented by Francesca Macchiaverna, Christine Brimm, and Kerk Spong for the South Carolina Bankruptcy Lawyers Association on September 21, 2021.

Bankruptcy Issues as a Result of COVID-19 – Small Business Reorganization Act and CARES Act

Francesca Macchiaverna served as a panelist for this webinar by ALFA International's Business Litigation Practice Group on May 5, 2020.

Bank it! A Game That Tests Your Bankruptcy Knowledge – a PowerPoint gameshow based on \$100,000 Pyramid

ALFA International Client Seminar presented by Francesca Macchiaverna on behalf of the Bankruptcy Working Group from February 28 to March 2, 2019.

RECOGNITION

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rated

Ethics: Jeopardy! – a PowerPoint gameshow based on Jeopardy!

Presented at the Coastal Bankruptcy Law Institute Seminar on April 20, 2018.

Landlord Tenant Law Seminar

Presented for the Greater Savannah Apartment Association on April 21, 2016.

Credit Presentation for the National Association of Credit Management Seminar

Presented in Savannah, Georgia, on March 10, 2016.