

Allison R. Gladden

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Allison Gladden is a litigation attorney and certified mediator who concentrates her practice on debtor-creditor relationships including bankruptcy reorganization under Chapters 9, 11 and 12, discharge and dischargeability litigation and creditors' rights. She represents both debtors and creditors in complex bankruptcies and in non-bankruptcy workouts of distressed loans and other contractual obligations. Additionally, she has extensive experience with foreclosure and collections proceedings, secured transactions and the litigation of disputes sounding in breach of contract and business torts. Allison is well-versed in the law of Arkansas limited liability companies and has advised clients on a broad range of LLC matters, particularly in the bankruptcy context.

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Debtor-Creditor Relations
Commercial Litigation
Real Estate Litigation
Trust, Estate and Fiduciary Litigation
Construction Law

Education

University of Arkansas Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law,
J.D., with Honors - (2008)

Rhodes College
B.A. in English - (1999)

Arkansas Circuit Courts, Civil & Probate Divisions
Certified Mediator

Bar Admissions

Arkansas

Experience

- Represents local, regional and national lending institutions in state and federal court litigation over loan defaults, secured transactions and other contractual disputes.
- Protects the interests of secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13 bankruptcy cases
- Advises agricultural lenders on the perfection and enforcement of security interests in real and personal property under Arkansas law.
- Served as counsel for an Arkansas improvement district in connection with its reorganization of debts under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- Represented the defendant in multi-million dollar voidable transfer / preference bankruptcy litigation in federal court after pursuing withdrawal of the reference to bankruptcy court.
- Represented the court-appointed special administrator in a complex probate matter and related state and federal court litigation and appeals.
- Certified mediator, eligible to mediate cases in the civil and probate divisions of Arkansas Circuit Courts.
- Presenter at CLE programs on the topic of the intersection of LLC interests and debtor/creditor relationships.

Representative Experience

- Successfully enforced agricultural lender's security interest against the debtor and other claimants. *Rabo AgriFinance LLC v. Heileman Cattle Company, LLC, et al.*, 56CV-18-07, Poinsett County Circuit Court (2018)
- Served on counsel team for defendant in a business divorce matter that spawned multiple lawsuits over a period of 5 years. *Hardy, et al. v. Bartmess*, 1:09-CV-41 (E.D. Ark. 2009); *First National Bank of Izard County v. B&H Resources, et al.*, 1:15-CV-5 (E.D. Ark 2015).
- Part of team representing Chapter 11 Debtor-in-Possession in bankruptcy proceedings and complex litigation arising out of wrongful actions by principals of company and related entities. *In re Living Hope Southeast, LLC*, 4:12-BK-11082 (E.D. Ark. 2012); see 455 B.R. 424 (2012); 495 B.R 866 (2012); 505 B.R. 237 (2014); 509 B.R. 629 (2014)
- Represented a Chapter 7 Trustee in defending the appeal of a Bankruptcy Court decision to the United States District Court. *PIRS Capital, LLC v. Williams*, 637 B.R. 825 (W.D. Ark. 2022).
- Served on counsel team for the lender in the appointment of a receiver over a large grain operation. *Rabo AgriFinance, Inc. v. Turner Grain Merchandising, Inc., et al.*, 2:14-cv-00111 (E.D. Ark.).
- Obtained the appointment of an Examiner in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. *In re James Wayne Wilkison*, 4:20-bk-11887 (Bankr. E.D. Ark.)
- Served as debtor counsel in the chapter 7 liquidation of a public health services facility.

Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Commercial Litigation (2026-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Litigation - Bankruptcy (2026-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Corporate Law (2026-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency & Reorganization Law (2021)
- *Little Rock Soiree*: Best Lawyers in Little Rock (2018, 2020-2021)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers Rising Star*: Bankruptcy (2018)

Involvement

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Pulaski County Bar Association
- Former United States Tennis Association Certified Official