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Stephen Smith focuses his practice on matters involving bankruptcy, restructuring, and commercial litigation. He represents debtors, creditors, businesses, and other parties before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Delaware state courts. Stephen has represented clients in a wide variety of bankruptcy matters, alternative restructuring workouts, and commercial litigation related matters, including relief from the automatic stay, preferences and fraudulent transfers, assignments for the benefit of creditors, foreclosure proceedings, and complex commercial contract disputes.

Stephen previously served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Jerrold N. Poslusny, Jr. of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey, and before beginning his legal career, he served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Related Professional Experience

- Ellucian, Office of General Counsel, Legal Extern, 2024
- Saint Joseph's University, Office of General Counsel, Legal Intern, 2023–2024
- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Jerrold N. Poslusny, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, 2022
- United States Marine Corps, Officer, May 2008–June 2013

Published Work and Lectures

- Thomson Reuters, *Business Workouts Manual*, Co-Author, Volume 2, Chapter 43, "Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors," 2025-2026 Edition

Areas of Experience

Bankruptcy and Reorganization
Distressed Transactions and Corporate
Restructuring

Education

J.D., Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, 2024
MPSRE, Georgetown University, 2017
B.S.B.A., Commonwealth University–Bloomsburg, 2008

Admissions

Bars

Delaware

Courts

Delaware Supreme Court
Delaware Court of Chancery
Superior Court of Delaware
U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware