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Admissions

West Virginia
Kentucky
Tennessee
Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
Supreme Court of Kentucky
Kentucky Court of Appeals

Areas of Law

Appellate
Civil Litigation
Medical Malpractice
Insurance Defense
Product Counseling, Reporting and Liability Defense
Contract Law
Financial Services Solutions
Tax Lien, Escrow, Lost Property and Redemption



Randy Saunders is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP's West Virginia office where his practice focuses on financial services litigation and he chairs the Tax Lien, Escrow, Lost Property and Redemption Group. In addition to a multi-state financial services litigation practice and representing clients faced with lien and tax related issues, he also handles insurance bad faith litigation, medical liability and healthcare litigation, and class actions.

He has experience defending banks and other lending institutions from claims related to loan origination and servicing practices. He currently represents a variety of lenders and loan servicers in the defense of consumer claims asserted in class actions, individual consumer suits, counterclaims to foreclosure actions, adversary proceedings in bankruptcy, and arbitration proceedings. His practice entails not only litigation and arbitration matters, including class actions, but also the sort of repetitive litigation that can present systematic or regulatory threats.

In addition, he represents both national and regional banks, financial servicing institutions, and various entities associated with the tax lien industry across the country, through local counsel when necessary, with respect to tax lien sales, disputes, and related litigation. This representation includes assisting financial institutions in efforts to redeem properties, challenge the substantive and technical aspects of a sale/foreclosure and/or compliance with statutory obligations in an effort to recover properties, and negotiate with purchasers to reacquire the properties and reaffirm the financial institution's security interest.

Mr. Saunders works with institutions to update applicable policies and procedures, develop and implement strategic solutions directed at mitigating the risk of loss and maximizing the ability to timely recognize and recover lost assets, and to identify trends, changes in the law and/or geographic areas that pose a risk to the client.

Experience

- Litigated matters for clients in numerous jurisdictions, including West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, and Ohio, in both state and federal courts
- Experienced appellate advocate, having practiced before the Maryland Court of Appeals, Maryland Court of Special Appeals,

Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, and Kentucky Court of Appeals

- Practice includes experience in handling commercial litigation, insurance bad faith litigation, products liability litigation, medical liability and healthcare litigation, class actions and mass torts, and tax issues

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
- West Virginia State Bar
- Kentucky Bar Association

Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law, Juris Doctor (2005)
 - Member of the Moot Court Board
 - Recipient of the University of Kentucky College of Law Trial Advocacy Scholarship
 - Earned Best Overall Advocate and Best Overall Argument in 2005 at the National Trial Competition, Texas Young Lawyers Association/American College of Trial Lawyers: Regional Quarterfinals
 - Kentucky Mock Trial Tournament Champion: Best Oral Advocate in 2004
 - Earned Best Oral Argument: Second Year Moot Court Competition in 2004 and Best Oral Advocate, McReynolds Writing Club, 2003
- Morehead State University, Bachelor of Arts in History and Government, summa cum laude (2002)

Awards and Honors

- Nelson Mullins 2011 Renaissance Associate Award
- West Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Star - civil litigation: defense (2012-2016)
- 2012 ALPS Lawyer Leadership Institute

Community Involvement

- Cabell County Deputy Sheriff Civil Service Commissioner