

**JEFFREY L. OAKES**  
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**EXPERIENCE**

**Orrill, Cordell & Beary, L.L.C.** New Orleans, Louisiana

**Commercial Transactions**

**Member** - January 2009 to Present

*Associate* - January 2005 to December 2008

Broad-ranging commercial practice, with emphasis on transactional law. Representative clients include small businesses, real estate developers and Chapter 11 debtors. Practice includes contract drafting, review and revision, including leases, LLC operating agreements, joint venture agreements, loan and security documents, purchase agreements, employment agreements, settlement agreements, gaming agreements and a variety of transaction-specific agreements; research regarding bankruptcy, corporate and state law issues; review and supervise work of junior attorneys; successions; significant litigation experience, including drafting of pleadings and discovery, settlement negotiations and court appearances; extensive Chapter 11 bankruptcy work.

**Novack and Macey**, Chicago, Illinois

**Contract Attorney**

*December 2004 to January 2005*

Provided litigation support in major adversary proceeding related to the Enron bankruptcy case.

**Guilford County Schools**, High Point, North Carolina

**Social Studies Teacher**

*October 2004 to December 2004*

**Carruthers & Roth, P.A.**, Greensboro, North Carolina

**Associate -- Commercial Finance, Secured Transactions and Insolvency**

*September 1999 to August 2004*

Specialized in representation of secured creditors in all phases of lending relationship. Represented major financial institutions in various areas of commercial finance transactions, including asset based loans, single lender and syndicated credit facilities, workouts, liquidations and reorganizations, and commercial real estate transactions; significant experience in factoring. Responsibilities included drafting loan agreements, factoring agreements, intercreditor and subordination agreements, participation agreements, opinion letters and all supporting documentation; negotiating with borrowers and advising clients; conducting due diligence inquiries; extensive experience drafting bankruptcy court pleadings and motions, appearing and arguing before bankruptcy courts in contested matters, preference actions, stay relief hearings and other proceedings; conducting bankruptcy and UCC-related research and drafting legal memoranda.

**Law Clerk for The Honorable William L. Stocks, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle District of North Carolina**, Greensboro, North Carolina  
*August 1998 to September 1999*

**Law Clerk for The Honorable Louis M. Phillips, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Louisiana**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
*August 1997 to August 1998*

Conducted bankruptcy research; assisted in drafting of memorandum opinions; prepared synopses of matters coming before the court for hearing.

## **EDUCATION**

**Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University**  
J.D., 1997

Order of the Coif, Class Rank: 13 of 186 (275 entered freshman class)

Louisiana Law Review; Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; Chancellor's List Spring 1996, Fall 1996; 1997 American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence; 1997 James K. Harrison Scholarship; 1996-97 Dean Paul M. Hebert Scholarship; 1996 Societe Henri Capitant Award; 1995 CALI Award of Excellence (UCC Security Devices)

**Western Carolina University**, Cullowhee, North Carolina  
B.S. in Mathematics, 1991

## **ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS**

- 2001-2004, Middle District Case Update editor for *Disclosure Statement* (published three or four times annually)
- April 2002, "The Automatic Stay in Bankruptcy Cases", published in *Bizlife Magazine*
- Spring 2000, "Transition Provisions of Revised Article 9", published in *Notes Bearing Interest*
- February 2000, "Revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code: An Overview", a seminar paper (co-authored with Kenneth M. Greene, Esq.)
- Summer 1996, Comment: Article 2298, the Codification of the Principle Forbidding Unjust Enrichment, and the Elimination of Quantum Meruit as a Basis for Recovery in Louisiana - 56 Louisiana Law Review 873

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association Business Section

Baton Rouge Bar Association

Admitted to Practice in all state and federal courts in Louisiana and North Carolina

## **BAR ACTIVITIES**

North Carolina Bar Association Bankruptcy Section Council Member 2003-04

North Carolina Bar Association Business Section - UCC Committee Member 2002-04

## **INTERESTS**

Hiking, Traveling, Soccer, Wine, Chess, History, Literature, Astronomy