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MY PROFILE

Landon credits his time serving as a Mortarman in the United States Marine Corps for instilling in him the values of honor, leadership, perseverance, flexibility, precision, and attention to detail. These tenets he holds dear—he regularly applies in everything he does—both professionally and personally. Landon’s military background provides the perfect foundation for his work at Smith Debnam, representing some of the nation’s leading institutions in the consumer financial services industry.

Committed to getting it right, Landon makes it his mission to understand the client’s primary and secondary goals. As Landon would say, knowing the details is ‘mission-critical’ because the difference between what is material and what is irrelevant in a legal matter frequently turns on subtle details. With calm precision, he can quickly zero in on the friction points in an adversarial legal matter, saving his clients valuable time and expense.

A member of the Consumer Financial Services and Bankruptcy teams, Landon received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Campbell University’s Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Finance, with distinction, from the University of Hawai’i at West O’ahu. Following law school, Landon clerked for the Honorable Joseph N. Callaway, Bankruptcy Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Prior to joining Smith Debnam, Landon represented corporate and individual debtors in bankruptcy and numerous individuals in consumer protection litigation—experiences he credits with his ability to see all sides of a legal issue and to maximize the strength of his client’s position.

MY CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- North Carolina State Bar, 2017
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, 2017
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, 2019
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, 2019
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2017

Education

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, Campbell University – Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, 2017
- B.A., with distinction, the University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu, 2014, Economics & Finance

Professional Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member, 2017-current
- American Bar Association, Member, 2017-current
- North Carolina Bar Association, Member, 2017-current

Awards & Recognition

- Medal of Excellence, [American Bankruptcy Institute, 2017](#)

Published Articles

- Landon G. Van Winkle, Comment, *To Exit the Quagmire, Follow the Bright Line: How Stern can Guide the Split Circuits Toward a Uniform and Efficient Approach to Enforcing Arbitration Clauses in Bankruptcy*, 33 CAL. BANKR. J. 371 (2016).
- Landon G. Van Winkle, [Civil Contempt in Bankruptcy: Exploring the Limits of the Bankruptcy Courts' Subject Matter Jurisdiction](#), N.C. Bar Ass'n: NCBarBlog (Jan. 25, 2019)

ARTICLES & INSIGHTS

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[Reaffirmation: 7 Things Every Creditor's Attorney Should Know](#)

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