

# **Bradley Partner Christopher L. Hawkins Appointed as United States Bankruptcy Judge for Middle District of Alabama**

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Christopher L. Hawkins, a partner in the firm's Birmingham office, has been appointed by the Eleventh Circuit Court to serve as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. Mr. Hawkins will be sworn in next week.

"It is a tremendous honor for Chris to be appointed to serve as a federal judge in Alabama and is a testament to his professionalism and integrity," said Bradley Chairman of the Board and Managing Partner Jonathan M. Skeeters. "Chris has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence in the practice of law and through his bankruptcy and restructuring work, and we know that he will continue to uphold that legacy in this new role."

Mr. Hawkins joined Bradley in 2001 and has represented clients in a variety of bankruptcy and insolvency related matters across the country, more recently focusing his practice on advising large financial institutions on bankruptcy compliance and bankruptcy-related regulatory and enforcement matters. He has regularly represented debtors and creditors in out-of-court business restructurings and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, as well as creditors and financial institutions in bankruptcy-related litigation.

In November 2021, Mr. Hawkins was selected for inclusion as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He is wrapping

up a two-year term as co-chair of the Consumer Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute and was recognized as the American Bankruptcy Institute's Committee Member of the Year in 2019-2020. Mr. Hawkins also was named to the 2022 edition of the Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers list.

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