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Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- Creditor Rights & Bankruptcy
- Corporate Law
- M&A and Private Equity

Education

- University of Oklahoma College of Law, J.D., 1986
- University of North Dakota, B.A./B.S., Accounting, 1983

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida Bar, 2002
- Oklahoma Bar, 1986 (Inactive)
- Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
- Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma
- Tenth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals

Overview

Kenneth Mather joined Gunster in 2014. His practice focuses on commercial litigation matters, frequently involving complex bankruptcy-related issues. Ken prosecutes and defends a broad range of claims under the Bankruptcy Code, and has represented clients in a variety of industries, including financial and professional services, medical device product manufacturing, real estate, health care, industrial, manufacturing, retail, technology and transportation, among others.

With almost four decades of experience, Ken's practice includes Chapter 7, Chapter 13, and Chapter 11 cases, involuntary bankruptcies, adversaries involving preferential transfers, fraudulent transfers, lien priority disputes and tax litigation. He has represented clients in bankruptcy courts across Florida and Oklahoma, and in the 10th and 11th Circuit Courts of Appeals. He has also represented parties involved in state court receiverships and

assignments for the benefit of creditors. Going back to the very beginning of his legal career, Ken was law clerk to the Honorable James E. Ryan, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for two years following law school. His experiences as a Chapter 7 bankruptcy panel trustee for 14 years, as a Chapter 11 trustee, a bankruptcy examiner and a bank director for 10 years, greatly supplement his background as a lawyer. Ken estimates that as a Chapter 7 trustee alone, he oversaw over 14,000 cases.

In addition to his bankruptcy litigation practice, Ken is also retained for general business litigation and corporate law matters. He has litigated claims involving multimillion-dollar disputes, including competing ownership interests in private companies. His transactional corporate law experience includes the creation of commercial entities and related ownership agreements, as well as the purchase and sale of such businesses.

Ken is dedicated to building strong relationships with his clients, built on attention to and communication with his clients. Ken's goal is to create trust-based relationships that are supported by his personal commitment to being responsive and rendering poignant, practical and timely legal counsel.

Ken is a member of The Florida Bar and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has served as the regional vice president of the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants, as well as serving on its Education Committee.

Honors

- *Florida Trend*, "Legal Elite," 2017, 2021-22
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2021-24
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021-24
 - Commercial Litigation, 2023-24
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Business Edition: The Litigation Issue, 2021

Publications & Presentations

- "Banking Changes in 2023," panel, Financial Executives International (FEI) Tampa Bay, May 2023

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Florida Bar
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants, regional vice president

