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Mary A. Slade focuses her practice in the areas of title insurance, real estate law and representation of financial institutions in banking law, bankruptcy and creditors' rights.

Prior to joining Plunkett Cooney, Ms. Slade worked for five years as the Vice President, Regional Claims Counsel for Stewart Title Guaranty Company in Virginia where she investigated claims and assisted in managing class actions, transaction underwriting, market conduct exams, fraud and white-collar crime investigations, e-discovery compliance and all facets of direct litigation in 16 states and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Slade's previous work experience also includes four years as Associate Regional Claims Counsel for Chicago Title Insurance Company, where she supervised claims personnel and investigations in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. She handled complex commercial and residential development underwriting and claims, as well as white collar-crime investigations in Indiana.

In addition, Ms. Slade represents financial institutions in the areas of commercial loan workouts, foreclosures and bankruptcy.

A graduate of Indiana University School of Law, Ms. Slade is a member of several professional organizations, including the Indiana Land Title Association, where she previously served as the group's education chair.

Areas of Practice

- Banking, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Law
- Real Estate Law
- Title Insurance Law

Honors & Awards

- Co-founder and Production Editor, Indiana International and Comparative Law Review

Education

- Indiana University School of Law, J.D., 1991
- Butler University, B.A., 1987

Bar & Court Admissions

- Indiana, 1991
- Supreme Court of Indiana

Representative Client Work

- Strategic responsibility for major insurance litigation involving bad faith, class actions, defalcations, insured closings and white collar crime
- Represent lending institutions, title insurers and their insured parties in affordable housing, bankruptcy, lien priority, fraud, access, railroad and land use disputes
- Concentrated experience in defalcations, bankruptcy, embezzlements, white collar crime investigation, prosecution (former deputy prosecuting attorney in Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana) and fraud analysis
- Transactional counsel for due diligence, escrow/closing clearance and underwriting with acquisitions, residential subdivision ventures, complex leases, mixed use development and multi-site commercial projects. Transactional work has included, but not limited to, big box retailers, casinos, steel plants, gas stations, pharmacies and development projects with riparian issues
- Represents lending institutions, title insurers and their insured parties involving failed developments, foreclosure litigation, bankruptcy, loan workouts and related construction lien issues with active construction sites
- Counsel for and advisor of title insurers as to market conduct exams, federal Truth in Lending Act litigation, rate class actions, loss recovery and other federal and/or state regulatory concerns
- Routinely provides legal advice and seminar presentations to attorneys and title insurance professionals regarding real estate transactions, litigation, loss mitigation and recovery, best practices, settlement practices and claim liability

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Indiana State Bar Association
- Indiana Land Title Association (Former Education Chair)
- American Bar Association

Presentations

- Indiana Recordors Annual Conference, titled: "2011 Conveyance, Sales Disclosure, Lien, and Recording Issues: Attorney Perspective," Presenter and Representative of the Probate, Trust & Real Property Section of the Indiana State Bar Association, Indianapolis, Ind., April 25 - 28, 2011
- "Encumbrances on Title and Due Diligence to Complete Transaction," Presenter, National Business Institute's Resolving Title Issues: From Surveys and Liens to Restrictions and Authority Seminar, Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22, 2011
- "Handling Title Insurance Claims and Litigation," Presenter, National Business Institute Seminar, Indianapolis, Ind., May 3, 2010

News

- Slade joins Plunkett Cooney to establish Indianapolis office