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Walter Buzzetta concentrates his practice on consumer lending and financial services litigation, with a primary focus on claims against financial services companies, including claims under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), as well as class action, civil RICO, deceptive trade practices, fraud and antitrust challenges. He is experienced in counseling financial services companies on strategic planning, risk assessment, regulatory compliance and dispute resolution. Walter also represents clients in resolving contested lien priorities, chain of title issues and title insurance disputes.

Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Walter was senior counsel at MERSCORP Holdings, Inc., where he focused on financial services, mortgage and lending litigation and regulatory compliance. At MERSCORP Holdings, he litigated disputes on behalf of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems and the nation's largest mortgage lenders and servicers nationwide, including directing numerous successful appeals to U.S. Circuit Courts and State Supreme Courts.

Walter also has extensive experience in representing institutions in reinsurance and insurance coverage actions in both court and arbitration. Walter has experience litigating coverage disputes involving property & casualty, asbestos, silica, mass tort, environmental pollution, health care, commercial accident and products liability. This experience includes litigating number of occurrences, exclusionary provisions, documentation requirements, allocation, notice, intermediary roles, underwriting intent, misrepresentation, material non-disclosure and rescission.

He graduated from Duke University School of Law and earned his B.A. in Political Science from Southern Methodist University.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, "Mastering Evictions & Foreclosures: Protections on Covid-19 Moratorium & Executive Orders CLE," The Rossdale Group CLE
- Presenter, "Foreclosure, Eviction and Bankruptcy Issues During the COVID-19 Pandemic," The Rossdale Group CLE Seminar

FOCUS

Litigation

Financial Services Litigation

Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation

Insurance Coverage Advisory & Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia

Maryland

District of Columbia

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

EDUCATION

J.D., Duke University School of Law

B.A., Southern Methodist University



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- Presenter, “State-by-State Survey on Important Case Law, Litigation Trends, New Statutes, Statute of Limitations Issues and More,” ACI’s Residential Mortgage Litigation & Regulatory Enforcement National Forum
- Panelist, “Mortgage Servicer Roundtable,” ACI’s Bank & Non-Bank Mortgage Servicing Compliance Forum
- Presenter, “Establishing Standing, Defending Against Persisting Claims Relating to MERS, Overcoming Contested Foreclosures and Responding to Borrower Counterclaims and Stall Tactics,” ACI’s Residential Mortgage Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement National Forum
- Presenter, “Residential Mortgages: Assessing the Impact of Jesinoski, Litigation Trends Relating to Loan Mods, Loan Servicing, Lender-Placed Insurance, RMBS, and More Foreclosure Challenges Tied to Statute of Limitations, and the Ongoing Impact of the CFPB’s Mortgage Rules,” ACI’s Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation National Conference

RECOGNITIONS

- Duke University School of Law Pro Bono Service Award
- North Carolina Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award

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