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# **Mary Gilmore**

Associate

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## Main Bio

Mary helps clients navigate out-of-court restructurings as well as Chapter 7 and 11 bankruptcies. A former law clerk to the Honorable LaShonda A. Hunt, first on the Bankruptcy Court and then the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Mary brings exceptional insight into navigating court proceedings and litigating cases strategically.

Mary analyzes statutes and case law in order to advise clients on all of their options and excels both in motion practice and outof-court negotiations. She is well versed in the laws regarding fraudulent transfers, preferential transfers, executory contracts, personal guaranties, waivers, consent judgments, and selfinsured retention agreements. Her experience further extends to investigating potential claims against directors and officers of companies in bankruptcy and those facing financial distress.

Working closely with her clients, Mary gains a clear picture of their overall goals and concerns. Then, she focuses on creative problem-solving to meet their needs and advance their objectives.

### News

 Mary Gilmore and Donna Kwon Mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move, February 17, 2025

#### **Related Practices**

Litigation Bankruptcy Litigation Bankruptcy Reorganizations Insolvency & Creditors' Rights Debt Restructurings

#### Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, 2022, J.D.
  - magna cum laude
  - CALI Award for Future Excellence
     (highest grade): Constitutional Law
  - Finalist, College of Law's 2020 ABA Client Counselling Competition
  - Champion, College of Law's 2019
     ABA Negotiation Competition
  - Winner, Paul M. Lisnek Award for Excellence & Ethics in Trial Advocacy (2022)
  - Member, Criminal Law Society
  - Rule 711 Extern, Champaign County State Attorney's Office (2022)
  - Participant, Evan A. Evans Moot Court Competition (2021)
- Marlboro College, 2016, B.A.
  - High honors
  - Recipient, Lilian Farber Scholarship 2016, awarded for plans of concentration reflecting a commitment to social justice
  - Recipient, Dean's Merit Scholarship

#### Credentials

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern
  District of Illinois

#### Memberships

- Member, Turnaround Management Association, Chicago/Midwest Chapter
- Member, American Bankruptcy
  Institute
- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Member, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation
- Volunteer, Chicago Bar Association: Lawyers in the Classroom
- Volunteer, Credit Abuse Resistance Education (C.A.R.E.)