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Practice Areas

- Complex Business and Corporate Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Arbitration
- NC Board Certified Superior Court Mediator

Representative Work

- Statewide counsel for international building products manufacturer, including class action defense.
- Won unanimous decision from the North Carolina Court of Appeals for international building products manufacturer in case reported at 697 S.E.2d 439 (2010).
- Lead counsel for local recycling company in international litigation against Taiwanese machine supplier resulting in significant recovery.
- Won unanimous decision for commercial real estate developer from the North Carolina Court of Appeals and argued before the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the cases reported at 658 S.E.2d 924 and 658 S.E.2d 929 (2008).
- Lead counsel in landmark case before the North Carolina Court of Appeals involving unilateral relocation of easements reported at 667 S.E.2d 324 (2008).
- Lead counsel in landmark case before the North Carolina Court of Appeals involving the validity of perpetual trusts and North Carolina's Rule Against Perpetuities in case reported at 688 S.E.2d 752 (2010).
- Lead counsel in successful jury trial defense of stock option claims brought by former employee.
- Lead counsel for local contractor in international products liability litigation resulting in significant recovery.
- Lead counsel in arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) involving infringement of trade secrets and intellectual property resulting in significant recovery, for client.
- Counsel for general contractor in successful prosecution of delay claim at pharmaceutical facility.
- Negotiated numerous Driving Services Contracts for NASCAR drivers.
- Counsel for local construction firm in arbitration administered by the AAA resulting in recovery of all amounts claimed on NCDOT project.

- Counsel for commercial real estate developer against national pharmacy chain in multi-district litigation resulting in confidential settlement.
- Counsel for self-insured worker's compensation fund in arbitration against third-party administrator resulting in significant recovery.
- Represented clients before all Federal and State courts in North Carolina, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Office of Administrative Hearings, North Carolina Building Code Council, and American Arbitration Association.

Education

- Gardner-Webb University (B.A. *summa cum laude*, 1993)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (J.D. *with Honors*, 1996)
- Naval Justice School, Honors Graduate (1996)
- Admitted to Bar 1996, North Carolina
- Admitted to practice before all Federal and State courts in North Carolina and United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Honors and Awards

- Business North Carolina "Legal Elite" (Construction 2011-2012)
- North Carolina Super Lawyers - Business Litigation (2012)
- North Carolina Super Lawyers - Rising Star (2009-2012)
- Recognized as one of Charlotte's top attorneys in Charlotte Business Leader magazine (2008, 2010)
- Lieutenant, Navy JAG Corps (1996 – 2000)
- Navy Commendation Medal (2000)
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (1997, 1999)
- Gardner-Webb University Young Alumnus of the Year (1999)
- Holderness Moot Court, UNC-CH School of Law



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Professional Organizations

- North Carolina Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association
- Meritas, Litigation Section Steering Committee
- American Inns of Court, Justice William Bobbitt Inn of Court
- Phi Delta Phi

Seminars & Publications

- Lien and Bond Law for Subcontractors, CAGC
- The Construction Business Academy, CAGC
- CAGC Lien and Bond Seminar
- The Construction Business Academy, "The General Contractor's Ultimate Worker's Compensation Pitfall," CAGC
- "Issues in Worker's Compensation," Froehling & Robertson

Community Involvement

- Charlotte Christian School Board of Trustees
- Chair, Charlotte Christian School Trustee Committee

- Past Chair, Charlotte Christian School Construction and Facilities Committee
- Board Member, Teaching Fellows Institute at Charlotte
- Rotary International, Charlotte West (Vice President, 2012)
- Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sunday School Teacher
- Youth Basketball and Soccer Coach