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### Practice Areas

- Commercial, Business and Civil Litigation
- Construction Litigation and Arbitration
- Non-Compete Agreements
- Shareholder Disputes
- Real Estate and Title Claims Litigation

### Representative Work

- *Carolinas HealthCare System v. Wachovia Bank, N.A. et al*, Mecklenburg County File No. 08-CVS-2779 (N.C. Business Court). Defense Counsel for Third-Party Defendant in litigation concerning alleged losses of \$15 million in a Securities Lending program.
- *Metcalf v. Black Dog Realty, LLC*, 200 N.C. App. 619 (2009). Successfully obtained reversal of trial court's denial of developer's right to purchase property from City of Asheville. Unanimous Court of Appeals panel directed that summary judgment be entered in favor of developer.
- Lead Counsel in defense of 15 investors and financial institutions against a \$6+ million claim by property owner against developers who sub-divided, sold and developed mountain resort lots on 25 acres of land that allegedly remained owned by plaintiff.
- Represented southeastern food distribution company in \$2+ million construction defect dispute concerning over 900,000 sq. ft warehouse distribution facility.
- Lead Counsel in defense of \$500,000+ claim involving fraud, unfair and deceptive trade practices litigation against a national commercial real estate development company.
- Lead Counsel in successful settlement of taking by City of Charlotte for South Blvd. Light Rail Corridor. Final award of \$1.2+ million.
- Lead Counsel in successful settlement of taking by local town government for use of undeveloped farm land as a park and fire station. Obtained over 90% of property owner's appraised value of land. Final award +\$1.1 million.
- Local Counsel in \$80 million construction dispute concerning an EPC power plant project in Puerto Rico.

- Defense counsel in federal RICO indictment of 12 members of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gang in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### Education

- University of North Carolina at Charlotte (B.A., 1993)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (J.D., 1996)
- Admitted to North Carolina bar in 1996

### Honors and Awards

- Associate Professor - UNC-Charlotte Masters of Business Administration
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated – AV
- *Business North Carolina* magazine "Legal Elite"
  - Construction Law 2009 top vote-getter, name retired to Hall of Fame
  - Construction Law (2005-2008)
  - Young Gun – top North Carolina attorneys under 40 – 2007 and 2009
- North Carolina Super Lawyers.
  - Business Litigation (2007-2012)
  - Top 100 Attorneys in North Carolina
- Chief Justice, Moot Court, UNC Law (1995-1996)
- Order of the Barristers, UNC Law (1996)
- Moot Court, James William Morrow Award, UNC Law (1996)
- Davis Society Award, UNC Law (1996)
- Member, Moot Court Invitational Team, UNC Law (1994-1996)

### Publications & Presentations

- Co-author of the North Carolina Bar Association "North Carolina Construction Law Deskbook," 3ed. (2003), 4ed. (2006) and 5ed. (2010).
- Speaker at Mecklenburg County Bar CLE entitled "Construction Litigation". February 1, 2011 at the MCB Center, Charlotte.



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- Speaker at a Joint CLE Program for the Real Property and Construction Law Sections of the North Carolina Bar Association entitled "Lien on Me: When Developers, Liens and Title Insurance Collide". February 22, 2007 at the N.C. Bar Center, Cary.
- Co-author, "Construction Law: Can this job be saved? Creative strategies for project completion & litigation avoidance in North Carolina", Lorman Education Services (1999)
- Co-contributor and Presenter: North Carolina Construction Law, statewide Carolinas Association of General contractors (CAGC) Seminars (1999-2006)

#### Community Involvement

- North Carolina Bar Association
  - Construction Law Section
    - Secretary (2010-2011)
    - CLE Chair (2006-2007)
  - Litigation Section
    - Council Member (2009-2012)
- Mecklenburg County Bar
  - Co-Chair Law & Society Lecture (2006 -07 and 2007/08)
  - Board of Directors (2004-2007)
  - Mentor for "Lunch with a Lawyer" Program with CMS (2006-2007)
  - Chair of Swearing-In Committee (1998-2001)
- Member, City of Charlotte's MWBD Stakeholders Committee
- Member, Justice William Bobbitt Inns of Court
- Board Member, UMAR
- Member, Alumni Association Board of Governors for UNC-Charlotte (1999-2002)
- Member, IMPACT Fund, Foundation for the Carolinas

#### Personal

- Born in Richmond, Virginia
- Raised in Hildebrand, NC (Burke County)