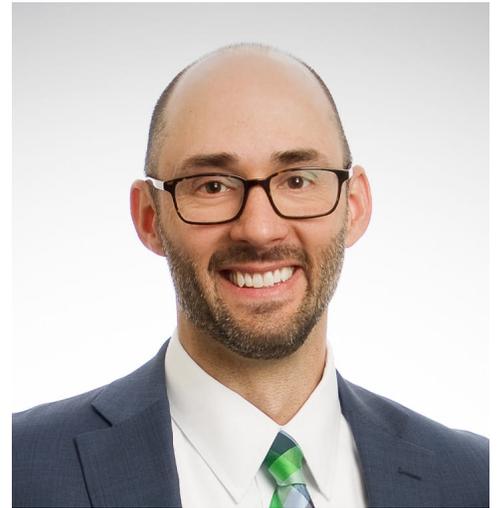


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My objective for every client, from Fortune 500 companies and closely held businesses to individuals, is to provide strong, consistent, and cost-effective legal counsel. I engage with clients to address their legal concerns in a timely and straightforward manner. When litigation becomes necessary, my clients depend on me to chart a clear path forward through what can be highly stressful times. At a time of crisis, clear thinking and command of the law is essential. It is my aim each day to provide exactly that.

Austin Walsh is a seasoned North Carolina **litigator** with a practice focused on **construction** and complex commercial disputes. His extensive trial experience makes him an invaluable asset to businesses and individuals facing the uncertainty of litigation.

Before joining the Litigation Practice Group at Johnston Allison Hord, Austin was a trial attorney at a mid-sized law firm in Charlotte, North Carolina and made frequent appearances in state and federal courts across the state.

Representative Experience

- 1-week jury trial resulting in favorable settlement after cross-examination of Plaintiff's experts. (2022)
- Obtained summary judgment for a large farm equipment dealer against plaintiff's UCC Article 2A Finance Lease

Practices

Construction
Litigation

Industries

Manufacturing
Real Estate, Hospitality & Construction
Retail

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of North Carolina

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law
(JD, , 2012)

Auburn University (BA, *magna cum laude*, 2007)

- History, Economics

Associations

Professional

- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
 - Board of Directors (2022-2025)
 - Civil Liability Practice Group Chair (2021-2022)

claims for breach of express and implied warranties in which plaintiff had demanded \$2.5 million. (2022)

- Negotiated a \$295,000 settlement for a large home improvement company pursuing subrogation of a product liability claim. (2020)
- Obtained summary judgment for a national restaurant franchisee in negligence action and successfully limited unreasonable discovery demands for confidential corporate information. (2019)
- Obtained summary judgment for a client against allegations of wrongfully providing a rental vehicle to an unauthorized party. (2017)
- 1-week jury trial of an admitted liability case in which the jury awarded the amount requested by the defense. (2015)
- 1-week jury trial of a negligence case in which the jury awarded the amount requested by the defense. (2015)
- Obtained defense verdict after a 3-day trial in a case of admitted liability. (2015)
- Obtained summary judgment in negligence case for large restaurant group, with operations across the southeast, and successfully defended notice of appeal. (2014)
- Tracey Catherine Briggs v. Sara Marie Markiewicz, No. COA21-443, 2022 WL 1554857 (N.C. Ct. App. May 17, 2022). Upheld summary judgment of negligence action.
- Odina Wesley, et al. v. Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, et al., 247 N.C. App. 248, 793 S.E.2d 229 (2016). Reversed denial of jurisdictional motion to dismiss.

- Civil Liability Practice Group Vice Chair (2020-2021)
- Council for Children's Rights
 - Volunteer Attorney

Community

- Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools System, Cabinet Member
- Holy Angels Belmont
- St. Ann's Catholic Church
- Volunteer Soccer Coach

Publications

- Author, "N.C. Farm Bureau v. Dana: Bringing Common Sense Back to Underinsured Motorist Law," The Resource,

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys (Feb, 2022)

- Author, "The Argument for Applying North Carolina Rule of Evidence 414 in Federal Court," The Resource, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys (Feb, 2021)
- Author, "Sykes v. Vixamar and Progressive Univ. Ins. Co.: A Discovery Bar or Discovery Strategy?" The Resource, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys (Feb, 2020)

Honors

- **Super Lawyers®** North Carolina – Civil Litigation (2025)
- **Super Lawyers®** North Carolina – Rising Star – Civil Litigation: Defense (2018-2024)
- **Business North Carolina “Legal Elite”** – Young Guns (2021)
- Teach For America (2007-2009)
- Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Auburn University (2007)