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I get deeply involved in the beginning of a client relationship, fully understanding their company, goals and motivations. Armed with this and planning the cases months ahead, I am in a strong position to find targeted solutions that work. I am direct, and to the point – I tell clients what they need to hear. They trust that I am fully invested in the best outcome for them.

Greg Ahlum is an attorney who practices **construction law** (transactional and litigation), **business litigation**, **real estate litigation**, **fiduciary litigation**, and **general commercial litigation**. In his construction law practice, Greg represents contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, owners and developers, and sureties. Greg has represented clients from around the U.S. in their North Carolina construction projects. His broad range of experience includes **professional sports stadiums**, **high rise office towers**, **waste water treatment facilities**, **arena upfits**, **bridges**, **highways**, **underground utilities**, **mass transit**, **mixed-use development**, **apartments**, **retail**, **student housing**, **office parks**, **breweries**, **hospitals**, and **residential projects**. Greg is well known for his strategic approach to construction projects – from conception and contract negotiation, to managing risk and providing solutions during the project, and, if need be, handling disputes through **mediation**, **litigation**, or **arbitration**. His construction practice includes:

- Contract negotiations

Practices

Construction
Litigation
Fiduciary Litigation
Business Transactions
Mediation & Arbitration

Industries

Manufacturing
Real Estate, Hospitality & Construction
Sports & Entertainment

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

Court Admissions

All State Courts in North Carolina
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of North Carolina

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law
(JD, *cum laude*, 1987)
Wake Forest University (BS, *cum laude*, 1984)

Associations

Professional

- **American Bar Association**

- Warranty and construction defects
- Payment disputes, liens and bonds
- OSHA
- Licensing
- Bid protests
- Delay and acceleration claims
- State and local government construction procedures

Greg is a go-to lawyer on OSHA cases, having written the OSHA chapter in the North Carolina Bar's Construction Law Desk Book. Greg also provides legal assistance to contractors, subcontractors, and manufacturing companies with job-related fatalities, including OSHA inspections resulting therefrom. With more than 30 years of experience in the courtroom, Greg's adversarial practice has also spanned a broad range of complex **real estate**, **fiduciary** and **business litigation**, particularly involving disputes among shareholders, non-competes, and breach of contract. Greg is consistently in the courtroom with the focus to get the case in the best position for his clients. Greg is certified as a Superior Court Mediator by the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. Greg is ranked by Chambers & Partners in both **Construction** and **Litigation** practice areas.

Representative Experience

- Represents companies and individuals in business and commercial litigation, including breach of contract actions, covenants not to compete, real property and title disputes, shareholder disputes, business torts, UCC matters, administrative hearing and defense of OSHA citations.
- Represents contractors, owners, subcontractors, suppliers and sureties in construction litigation, mediation and arbitration.
- Advises and represents contractors, owners, subcontractors, suppliers and sureties regarding licensing, bid protests,

- **North Carolina Bar Association**
 - Construction Law Section Council
 - Lien Law Revisions Committee

- **Mecklenburg County Bar**

Community

- **Camp Thunderbird**, Past Board of Directors Member
- **A Child's Place**, Past Board of Directors Member
- Herring Ridge/Camp Morrison, Past Board of Directors Member
- Myers Park Little League Baseball, Former Coach
- **South Park Pop Warner Football**, Former Coach

Community

About Our Firm
Recognition

OSHA, contract negotiations, construction contract negotiations, construction site issues, construction arbitration and mediation, mechanics' liens, payment and performance bond claims, construction defects, mold claims, construction loan issues and claims and disputes.

- Serves as Mediator and Arbitrator of disputes and civil actions.

Publications

- Author, "*North Carolina Construction Law: Occupational Safety and Health Act of North Carolina*," Construction Law Deskbook, 2010

Speaking Engagements

- "North Carolina Mechanics' Liens," North Carolina Bar Association
- "Negotiating Contracts for General Contractors," North Carolina Bar Association
- "North Carolina OSHA"
- Frequent lecturer on OSHA, Lien and Bond Law, Construction Law

Appellate Court Opinions

Elec. Supply Co. v. Swain Elec. Co., 328 N.C. 651, 403 S.E.2d 291 (1991). McNeary's Arborists, Inc. v. Carley Capital Grp., 103 N.C. App. 650, 406 S.E.2d 644 (1991). Syro Steel Co. v. Hubbell Highway Signs, Inc., 108 N.C. App. 529, 424 S.E.2d 208 (1993). Baker Constr. Co. v. Phillips, 333 N.C. 441, 426 S.E.2d 679 (1993). McClure Lumber Co. v. Helmsman Constr., Inc., 160 N.C. App. 190, 585 S.E.2d 234 (2003). Marolf Constr. v. Allen's Paving Co., 154 N.C. App. 723, 572 S.E.2d 861 (2002), cert. denied, 356 N.C. 673, 577 S.E.2d 625 (2003). Smiley's Plumbing Co. v. PFP One, Inc., 155 N.C. App. 754, 575 S.E.2d 66 (2003), cert. denied, 357 N.C. 166, 580 S.E.2d 698 (2003). Marven L. Poindexter, Inc. v. Boardwalk, LLC, 362 N.C. 281, 658 S.E.2d 929 (2008). Carolina Bldg. Servs.' Windows & Doors, Inc. v. Boardwalk, LLC, 362 N.C. 262, 658 S.E.2d 924 (2008). Mainline Supply Co. v.

Hillcrest Constr., Inc., 218 N.C. App. 455, 721 S.E.2d 765 (2012).
Rosen v. The Club at Longview, No COA 18-364 (N.C. Ct. App. 2018)

Honors

- **Super Lawyers®** North Carolina – Construction Litigation (2008-2025)
- **Business North Carolina “Legal Elite”** – Construction Law (2003-2018, 2021-2025)
- **Business North Carolina “Legal Elite” Hall of Fame** – Construction Law (2024)
- **The Best Lawyers in America®** – Construction Law (2008-2025), Litigation – Construction (2008-2025), Commercial Litigation (2025)
- **Chambers USA**, Recognized Attorney – Construction Law (2019-2025)
- **Chambers USA**, Recognized Attorney – Litigation: General Commercial (2016-2020)
- **Super Lawyers®** North Carolina – Top 100 Attorneys in North Carolina (2012, 2025)
- **Martindale-Hubbell**, AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated
- Certified Mediator and Arbitrator
- **Wake Forest Law Review**, Editor (1985-1987)
- American Jurisprudence Award (Top Grade) – Contracts, Corporate Tax, Wake Forest University School of Law