

Kimberly “Kim” J. Kirk

Partner

1065 East Morehead Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204
P :704.998.2318
F 704.376.1628
kkirk@jahlaw.com



When disputes surface and the need to hire a lawyer arises, it is easy for clients to feel overwhelmed. One of my goals is to streamline this process by providing thoughtful counsel and advice which enables clients to either negotiate a favorable result or obtain that result by having their day in court. I believe it is important to develop a strategic plan and then to work thoroughly yet efficiently while always keeping the pressure on the adverse party.

Kim Kirk concentrates her practice on complex **commercial** and **fiduciary** disputes, often representing high net worth individuals, **national nonprofits**, trustees, executors, and expectant beneficiaries. Kim regularly handles cases involving will contests, elective share claims, fiduciary liability, power-of-attorney abuse, and contested trust modifications. In addition to fiduciary and probate litigation, Kim also represents clients in a variety of complex commercial disputes. These include multi-party **construction** defect cases and post-employment restrictive covenant disputes.

Kim frequently appears in North Carolina Superior Court, before the Clerk of Court, and the North Carolina Business Court. She has ample experience at the appellate level and enjoys helping clients and co-counsel navigate the appellate process when the need arises. Kim believes it is critical to have a thorough understanding of the rules applicable in each court, and knowing

Practices

Fiduciary Litigation
Litigation

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

Court Admissions

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

Education

University of North Carolina School of
Law (JD, with Honors, 2012)
University of Michigan (BA, , 2006)
• Political Science

Associations

Professional

- **North Carolina Bar Association**
- **Mecklenburg County Bar**
- **American Inns of Court**, Justice William Bobbitt Inn of Court
- **Women Lawyers of Charlotte**

Community

- YMCA Young Emerging Leader
- **Teach For America**, Alumni
- Sharon Presbyterian Weekday School

those rules well, Kim is able to use them to develop creative approaches for the benefit of her clients.

Publications

- Co-Author of Construction Claims Chapter of the North Carolina Construction Law Deskbook (2016, 2020)
- Co-Author of Tortious Interference with Inheritance Chapter of the North Carolina Fiduciary Litigation Manual (2018)
- Co-Author of "*Wrongful Interference With the Making of a Will*" published in the Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law Section newsletter, The Will & The Way (May 2017) (Vol. 36, No. 3)

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "*North Carolina Update*," 45th Annual Queens University Estate Planners Day, Charlotte, NC, May 2023
- Speaker, "*North Carolina Update*," 44th Annual Duke University Estate Planning Conference, Durham, NC, October 2022
- Speaker, "*Federal and State Recent Developments*," 43rd Annual Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law Conference, Kiawah Island, SC, July 2022
- Speaker, "*North Carolina Update*," Queens University Estate Planners Day, Charlotte, NC, May 2022
- Speaker, "*Using Experts in Fiduciary Litigation*," North Carolina Bar Association CLE, November 2020
- Speaker, "*Tortious Interference with Inheritance*," North Carolina Bar Association, November 2018

Honors

- **Chambers USA**, Recognized Attorney – Construction Law (2019-2023)

- Parent Council President-Elect

Community

[About Our Firm](#)
[Recognition](#)

- **Super Lawyers®** North Carolina – Rising Star – Construction Litigation (2016-2018, 2020-2023)
- **The Best Lawyers in America®** – Commercial Litigation (2024), Litigation-Construction (2024), Litigation-Trusts & Estates (2024)
- **Business North Carolina “Legal Elite”** – Young Guns (2016-2019, 2021), Construction Law (2021), Litigation (2021-2024)
- Intern for the Honorable James A. Wynn, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2012)
- *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*, Articles Editor (2011-2012)
- Honors Writing Scholar, University of North Carolina School of Law (2010-2012)
- **Teach For America** (2006-2009)