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When a client comes to me with a problem, I want to understand as much about their issue and situation as possible, so I can determine the best way to approach the challenge and solve their problem.

I want to know about their company and their team, the context under which the issue has arisen, and the reasons they have not been able to solve the problem on their own. My first concern is whether an issue requires immediate action. Second, I need to understand the complexity of the issue which may require consideration of a variety of legal approaches. Third, I need to learn about the other parties involved in the matter, so I can take into account their perspectives and drivers that may impact our legal strategy.

My job is to provide clients with the best legal advice for their situation, and always the advice that is in their best interest.

Bob Burchette is hired to resolve difficult disputes with unique issues that require creativity and a fresh approach. He is a master at identifying successful strategies for closely held business owners and other clients that help them reach the right and best result in **litigation**. Whether **zoning, construction** claims, insurance coverage, shareholder disputes, business divorces or **succession** conflicts, Bob quickly identifies the core issues and develops the smartest way to move the case forward. As an attorney, he is especially well known for his experience and

Practices

Litigation
Construction
Mediation & Arbitration

Industries

Local Government

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law (JD, , 1976)
• Law Review, member
Guilford College (BA, , 1971)

Associations

Professional

- **American Bar Association**
 - Forum on Construction Industry, member
- **North Carolina Bar Association**
 - Constructin Section, Council and Newsletter Editor
 - North Carolina Court's Commission
- **Mecklenburg County Bar**
- **American Arbitration Association's Construction Arbitration Panels**

expertise in **construction law** and **litigation**, having handled disputes in many states and jurisdictions, and represented major construction clients and other businesses, for more than 30 years. Because of these long relationships, Bob's clients rely on him to guide them in numerous other areas – helping them identify the best strategies and advisors to keep their business competitive and interests as profitable as possible. In addition to construction disputes, Bob has been deeply involved in right-to- build, condemnation and conservation easement matters, and has lobbied on behalf of the construction industry. Bob is also a sought-after certified **mediator** and **arbitrator** and is referred often by other lawyers who know his leadership in the North Carolina bar construction section, the American Bar Association (ABA) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

Representative Experience

- Represents general contractors, subcontractors, owners, sureties and insurers in wide range of construction disputes and issues. Projects include coliseums, stadiums, convention centers, high-rise offices, condos, shopping centers, hotels, schools and hospitals in projects up to \$350 million.
- Involved in industrial, highway and utility construction including dams, highways, bridges, wastewater treatment facilities, tunnels and cogeneration in projects up to \$450 million.
- Certified mediator facilitating over 150 disputes since 1986.
- Represents parties in real estate and development dispute, shareholder disputes, commercial/contract disputes, condemnation, zoning and right to build.

Publications

- Co-Author, Claims and Insurance Sections of the North Carolina Construction Law Deskbook (1994-present)
- Co-Author, "Construction Claims" Chapter, NCBAF NC Construction Law Deskbook (1997-present)

- **ABA Construction Forum's Committee on Liens, Bonds and Insurance (Division 7), Committee Member**
- **Construction Professional Network**
- **American Academy of Trial Lawyers**
- **North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers**
- Justice Bobbitt Inns of Court
 - Master
- The Change Order

Community

- **Myers Park Country Club**, Board of Directors (2005 – 2012)
- **Myers Park Country Club**, President
- **Boy Scouts of America**, Former Leader
- **YMCA Youth Basketball**, Former Coach
- **Myers Park United Methodist Youth Basketball**, Former Coach

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About Our Firm
Recognition

- Co-contributor and Presenter: "North Carolina Construction Law" (1999-2003)
- Co-Author, Construction Law: Can this job be saved? Creative strategies for project completion "Litigation Avoidance in North Carolina," Lorman Services (1999)

Speaking Engagements

- Moderator and Speaker, "*GC/Sub Relationships: A Partnership of Equals or a Shotgun Wedding? And what about those False Claims?*," NC Bar Association Construction Law Winter Program (2013)
- Speaker, "*North Carolina Lien and Bond Law Changes*," Carolinas AGC Double Payment/Lien Seminar (2012) Charlotte and Asheville seminars
- Speaker, Carolinas AGC Building and Utility Division's annual meeting (2011 and 2012)
- Speaker, "*Current Legal Issues Affecting Construction Lawyers in NC and SC*," CAGC (2003)
- Speaker, ABA Forum on Construction Law on Force Majeure (2003)
- Speaker, "*Use of Special Master in Construction Litigation*," NC Bar Association/ Construction Law Section (2003)
- Speaker, Construction Forum Manager's Association Legal Issues Night (2002)
- Speaker, Subcontractor Law Seminar, CAGC (2002)
- Speaker, Fundamentals of Construction Law

Professional Certifications

Certified Mediator and Arbitrator, North Carolina

Honors

- **Super Lawyers**® North Carolina – Construction Litigation (2006-2025)
- **The Best Lawyers in America**© – Construction Law (2003-2025), Litigation – Construction (2003-2025), Litigation – Labor & Employment (2024, 2025), Litigation – Land Use & Zoning (2025), Arbitration (2025)
- **Chambers USA**, Recognized Attorney – Construction Law (2019-2024)
- **Chambers USA**, Recognized Attorney – Construction: Alternative Dispute Resolution (2023, 2024)
- **Business North Carolina “Legal Elite”** – Construction Law (2002-2019, 2022, 2023, 2025)
- **Carolinas AGC** – Recognition for assistance in defeating Senate Bill 435 (2011)
- **Charlotte Business Journal** “Best Construction Lawyer” (2002)
- North Carolina Court’s Commission (1995-1997)
- Justice William Bobbitt Inn of Court, Master (1996-present)
- *Change Order*, Editor (1992-1993)
- **Wake Forest University Law Review**, Staff Member (1975-1976)