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John Buford's practice involves a variety of complex commercial litigation at the trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts in North Carolina, including the North Carolina Business Court. He also has experience in arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution fora. His interest is in using litigation technology to successfully position modern disputes for modern juries and judges.

John has represented corporate and individual clients in a variety of sophisticated business disputes, including lawsuits involving professional liability, unfair and deceptive trade practices, business defamation, transportation, taxation, shareholder liability, derivative actions, construction, land use, deepening insolvency, and intellectual property.

John was named a 2010 North Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Star in business litigation by *Law & Politics* magazine.

A native Virginian, John earned his law degree *cum laude* in 2002 from Washington & Lee University, where he was Executive Editor of the *Law Review*. John graduated from the University of Virginia in 1999, where he was a resident of the Lawn. Before joining the firm, he clerked for Senior District Judge Jackson L. Kiser in the Western District of Virginia.

Practice Areas

Complex Business & Corporate Litigation

Construction

Litigation

Professional Liability Litigation

Clerkship(s)

Law clerk to Senior Judge Jackson L. Kiser of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 2002-03

Education

Washington & Lee University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2002, Executive Editor, *Washington & Lee Law Review*, 2001-02

University of Virginia, B.A., 1999

Honors & Awards

- Recognized as a "Rising Star" in General Litigation by *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, 2010-12
- 40 Under Forty Award winner, Triad Business Journal, 2011
- Young Lawyer of the Year Award, NCBA, 2010.

Professional & Community Activities

- Chairman (2008-Present) and Member, Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission, 2006--
- Member, Endowment Committee, North Carolina Bar Association, 2011-2012
- Chair-Elect, Young Lawyers Division, North Carolina Bar Association, 2011-2012
- Secretary, Young Lawyers Division, North Carolina Bar Association, 2010-2011
- Administrative Director, Young Lawyers Division, North Carolina Bar Association, 2009-2010
- Division Director, Young Lawyers Division, North Carolina Bar Association, 2008-2009
- Chair, Meetings & Conventions Committee, Young Lawyers Division, North Carolina Bar Association, 2007-2008
- Member, Convention Planning Committee, North Carolina Bar Association, 2007-08
- Co-chair, Internet Communications Committee, Young Lawyers Division, North Carolina Bar Association, 2005-06
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, North Carolina Bar Association, Litigation and Construction sections
- Member, Greensboro Bar Association
- Member, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- Member, West Market Street United Methodist Church

Articles & Publications

Author of Note, *When the Heck Does This Claim Accrue?*, Heck v. Humphrey's Footnote Seven & Section 1983 Damages Suits for Illegal Search and Seizure, 58 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 1493 (2001)

Bar & Court Admissions

- North Carolina

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District, North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Middle District, North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Western District, North Carolina