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D.J. practices in the areas of commercial litigation, labor and employment law, and special investigations. As a civil litigator, D.J. has represented clients in cases pending in all levels of federal and state trial courts in North Carolina, including the North Carolina Business Court. He represents corporate and individual clients in a range of sophisticated business disputes, including litigation involving fraud, unfair trade practices, breach of contract, securities, and the False Claims Act.

In keeping with the firm's long tradition in labor and employment law, D.J. represents employers in all aspects of workplace law before state and federal agencies and courts.

D.J. regularly advises employers in connection with a wide variety of employment matters, including employee terminations, disciplinary actions, investigations, discrimination and retaliation claims, and policy creation and implementation.

D.J. began his legal career as a law clerk to The Honorable James C. Dever, III, U.S.

District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 2006-07.

Prior to law school, D.J. worked for five years on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant and communications director.

Practice Areas

Complex Business & Corporate Litigation

Labor & Employment

White-Collar Criminal

Clerkship(s)

Law clerk to The Honorable James C. Dever, III, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 2006-07

Education

Wake Forest University, J.D., 2006, Editor-in-Chief, *Wake Forest Law Review*, 2005-06

Vanderbilt University, B.A. in History and Political Science, 1998

Honors & Awards

- "Rising Star" in Business Litigation, *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, 2012
- North Carolina Bar Association Leadership Academy, Inaugural Class, 2011

Professional & Community Activities

- Member, Greensboro Rotary Club
- Member, Federal Bar Association, Middle District of North Carolina Chapter
- Member, Guilford County Bar Association
- Member, Labor & Employment Law Section and Young Lawyer's Division, North Carolina Bar Association
- Member, Labor & Employment Law and Litigation Sections, American Bar Association
- Member, Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, 2003-06, 2008-10

Bar & Court Admissions

- North Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th 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