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Jim Phillips brings to his clients the ability to address their problems through effective advocacy in a variety of forums. Representing primarily businesses, business people and professionals, he has extensive experience in federal and state courts, in administrative proceedings, and before local governing bodies. As a result, he has the ability to recognize and implement a variety of strategies that might lead to favorable results for his clients.

Jim has litigated complex business matters in federal and state courts in North Carolina and across the United States. He has led the defense of significant claims for violations of the federal and state securities laws, as well as claims alleging professional negligence brought against national and regional accounting firms and law firms. He has litigated numerous intellectual property and trade secrets cases, many of which involved preliminary hearings seeking injunctive relief. In addition, Jim has litigated cases involving contracts, real property, employment issues, tax issues, defamation, construction issues and a variety of business torts.

Jim's litigation skills have been recognized by his peers. He has been voted as one of the top 100 lawyers in North Carolina, Business Litigation, *Law & Politics* magazine (2007). He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White), recognized in *Business North Carolina's*

Practice Areas

Complex Business & Corporate Litigation

Corporate & Securities Litigation

Litigation

Professional Liability Litigation

Education

Wake Forest University, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1984, Editor in Chief, *Wake Forest Law Review*, 1983-84

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1979, Student Body President; Order of the Golden Fleece

"Legal Elite" in Litigation, and listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Litigation: General Commercial, 2006-2009).

In addition to his trial practice, Jim has appeared on behalf of clients in a number of administrative proceedings. He has represented clients in hearings before the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the North Carolina Property Tax Commission, the North Carolina Tax Review Board, the North Carolina Board of Elections as well as in a number of proceedings before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

For three years during the 1990s, Jim served as Legislative Counsel to the Honorable Jim Hunt, Governor of North Carolina. Utilizing his knowledge of government, legislative bodies and the law, Jim also represents developers and land owners before local government bodies in land use and zoning matters. Jim has handled zoning matters in Greensboro and other North Carolina municipalities and has handled appeals to the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court arising from those local matters.

Professional & Community Activities

- Member, University of North Carolina Board of Governors, 1997-present; Board Chair 2006-2008
- Member, North Carolina Bar Association Committee on Judicial Independence
- Director, James B. Hunt Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy
- Chair, Greensboro Economic Development Alliance

Seminars & Speaking Engagements

- Jim Phillips Presents "Credible Persuasion"

Bar & Court Admissions

- North Carolina
- U.S. Supreme Court
- 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