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Elizabeth Spainhour represents media and communications companies, large and small, in a variety of regulatory and business matters. She counsels broadcast clients about the FCC's Equal Employment Opportunities rules, children's programming, and political advertising, among other issues. Elizabeth also represents broadcasters, newspapers, and website publishers in libel and subpoena defense, privacy, public records access, and courtroom access matters. Elizabeth has unique experience and a special interest in Internet and related communications.

Prior to her career in law, Elizabeth was an editor at Addison-Wesley (now Pearson) in Boston, MA, where she negotiated book contracts with authors and managed projects from proposal to publication.

Professional & Community Activities

- Member, Federal Communications Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, North Carolina Bar Association
- Section Council, North Carolina Bar Association
Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section
- Member, Wake County Bar Association
- Wake County Guardian ad Litem

Practice Areas

Media, Communications &
Technology

Education

University of North Carolina,
J.D., with honors, 2005,
Comments Editor, *North
Carolina Law Review*, 2004-05

University of North Carolina
School of Journalism & Mass
Communication, M.A., 2002;
Park Fellow

Dartmouth College, B.A., *cum
laude*, 1995

Articles, Publications & Speeches

- Contributor, Brooks Pierce's Newsroom Law Blog
- Panelist, "Who Fools the Open Government Access Bill," North Carolina Open Government Coalition Sunshine Day, March 2009
- Presenter, "What You Need to Know About Public Records in North Carolina," Lorman Educational Seminars CLE, November 2008
- *Unsealing Settlements: Recent Efforts to Expose Settlement Agreements that Conceal Public Hazards*, 82 N.C.L.Rev. 2155 (2004)

Seminars & Speaking Engagements

- Ramsey and Spainhour Present "Legal Beat: Using Music in Business and Publishing on the Internet"
- Coble and Spainhour Serve as Panelists for North Carolina Open Government Coalition's Seminar
- Spainhour Presents "Public Records in North Carolina"

Publications

- Indecency Challenges Proceed Through the Federal Courts

Bar & Court Admissions

- North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District, North Carolina