

Williams Named Distinguished Alumnus by Wake Forest University

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Williams recently received the Wake Forest University Distinguished Alumni Award, and was [featured in a profile](#) in Wake Forest Magazine. He is a “Double Deac,” receiving his undergraduate and law degrees from the school. He was elected to the university’s board of trustees in 2002, serving as chair from 2009 to 2013, and being named a life trustee in 2013.

From the article:

A partner with Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP, Williams has developed a reputation as a civil, honest, hardworking advocate for his clients who has been named North Carolina's best corporate trial lawyer several times.

He brought those same traits to serving Wake Forest — as a member of the alumni council, College board of visitors and the School of Law's board of visitors. He was first elected to the University's board of trustees in 2002 and served as vice chair from 2007 to 2009 and chair from 2009 to 2012. He was named a Life Trustee in 2013. He serves on the cabinet for the Wake Will capital campaign and on the boards of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

"Jim embodies the spirit of Wake Forest as well as anybody I know," said President Nathan O. Hatch.
"His service has been exemplary in every respect."