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A Board Certified Specialist in appellate practice, Charles Coble handles complex business litigation and appeals across a range of courts and jurisdictions. He has represented businesses and individuals in a wide variety of matters at the trial and appellate levels, including bet-the-company litigation, franchise disputes, intellectual property matters, and class actions.

COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION

Charles has handled numerous complex business litigation cases in federal court and the North Carolina Business Court. His experience includes cases involving significant contract disputes, allegation of fraud and unfair and deceptive trade practices, complex agreements between large companies and governments (including the multi-billion-dollar Master Settlement Agreement between 52 US States and territories and tobacco company signatories), franchise issues and the ownership and licensing of copyrights and trademarks. He has also advised clients on internal investigations on a range of issues, including investigations for public companies.

"I enjoy taking deep dives into the particular subject matter of a case. I think one of my strengths is the ability to be a careful student of the subject matter and get immersed into whatever area the representation relates to."

APPELLATE LITIGATION

Charles has practiced in every level of courtroom, from North Carolina's small claims and district courts to the U.S. Supreme Court. He is certified by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization as a Board Certified Specialist in appellate practice, a certification that requires significant experience briefing and arguing matters on appeal, a robust peer review, and successfully passing a written exam. He is one of fewer than 40 attorneys in North Carolina to have obtained this certification. Charles has been involved in

over 25 appeals, arguing cases in the Fourth Circuit, North Carolina Supreme Court, and North Carolina Court of Appeals, and he brings that extensive experience of the appellate court system and its rules and procedures to bear for the Firm's clients.

EXPERIENCE

Cases with reported decisions in which Charles served as a principal appellate brief author, argued before an appellate panel, or participated in trial court proceeding include the following:

- Tetra Tech Tesoro, Inc. v. JAAAT Technical Services, LLC, 794 S.E.2d 535 (NC App 2016)
- Capital Associated Industries, Inc. v. Cooper, 129 F. Supp. 3d 281 (M.D.N.C. 2016)
- Andrews v. Daughtry, 994 F. Supp 2d 728 (M.D.N.C. 2014)
- Warrender v. Gull Harbor Yacht Club, Inc., 228 N.C. App. 520 (2013)
- Hill v. StubHub, Inc., 219 N.C. App. 227 (2013)
- Boyce v. Isley, PLLC v. Cooper, 211 N.C. App. 469 (2012) and 195 N.C. App. 625 (2011)
- Dutcher v. Eastburn, 39 Media L. Rep. 1605 (E.D.N.C. 2011)
- SEANC v. NC Department of the State Treasurer, 364 N.C. 205 (2010)
- News & Observer Publishing Co. v. Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority, 597 F.3d 570 (4th Cir. 2010)
- Beaufort County Board of Education v. Beaufort County Board of Commissioners, 184 N.C. App. 110 (2007)
- Kirkman v. N.C. Railroad Co., 220 F.R.D. 49 (M.D.N.C. 2006)
- Knight Publishing Co. v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, 172 N.C. App 486 (2005)
- Tarrant v. Freeway Foods of Greensboro, Inc., 163 N.C. App. 504 (2004)

SERVICES

Appellate

Complex Business Litigation

Federal Litigation

IP Litigation

Litigation

North Carolina Business Court

Technology

CREDENTIALS

Clerkships

Law Clerk to Judge Frank W. Bullock, Jr., U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1998-99

Honors & Recognitions

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation (2013-2022)

Recognized in *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters) in Business Litigation (2014-2021) and as a "Rising Star" in Business Litigation (2010-2012)

Recognized in *Super Lawyers Business Edition* in Business Litigation (2015)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" in Young Guns (2011-2012), and Appellate Law (2019)

Board Certified Specialist in Appellate Practice by the North Carolina Board of Legal Specialization

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1998, *magna cum laude*

Yale University, B.A., 1995, *magna cum laude*

Certifications

Certified by the North Carolina Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in Appellate Law

Admissions

North Carolina

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th and 6th Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Chairman, Raleigh Board of Adjustment (2012 – 2015)

Vice Chairman, Raleigh Board of Adjustment (2009 - 2012)

Member, Raleigh Board of Adjustment (2007 – 2015)

Community Member, Wake County Board of Education Audit Committee (2012 – present)

Member, North Carolina Bar Association (1999 – present)

Member, American Bar Association (1999 – present)

Member, Wake County Bar Association (1999 – present)

Section Council, Appellate Practice of the North Carolina Bar Association

ABOUT ME

My occupation if I weren't a lawyer: When I was growing up, I thought I would be a scientist. I was drawn to the analytical challenge of tackling a problem and working to find a solution. Being an attorney requires the same sort of analysis, which may well be what led me to law.

Where I'd most like to live: In Raleigh (where I currently live), or perhaps Munich, Germany.

What I admire most about my clients: I admire clients who are able to shift seamlessly from processing business decisions to processing legal issues and decisions.

My favorite activity away from work: Traveling with my family and running.

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The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.19.2021

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North Carolina Super Lawyers, 01.14.2021

73 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.20.2020

Thirty-Four Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in 2020 North Carolina Super Lawyers
North Carolina Super Lawyers, 01.22.2020

55 Brooks Pierce Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2020 Guide
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.15.2019