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Otis Walker represents businesses and organizations in a wide variety of litigation matters in both state and federal court. He uses his experience as a federal law clerk to inform his litigation strategy.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Otis uses his experience as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court to inform his representation of businesses and individuals facing litigation. As a law clerk, Otis had to grapple daily with complex procedural and legal issues, experience he uses to help clients develop effective litigation strategies.

WHITE COLLAR DEFENSE & INVESTIGATIONS

Otis assists clients with a variety of white-collar matters. A large part of Otis' clerkship was dedicated to handling federal criminal matters, experience he uses to craft aggressive and effective litigation strategies for his clients.

SERVICES

Complex Business Litigation

Federal Litigation

Litigation

Transportation

White Collar Defense & Investigations

CREDENTIALS

Clerkships

Law Clerk to the Honorable William L. Osteen, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, 2019-2020

Education

University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 2019, with high honors; Articles Editor, *North Carolina Law Review* **Furman University**, B.A., 2009, *cum laude*; Distinguished Military Graduate

Admissions

North Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

ABOUT ME

My favorite virtues: Integrity and service to others.

I became a lawyer because I enjoy the constant intellectual challenge, and I think it is the profession where my skills can best help the most people.

My chief characteristic is that I am an easy person to get along with (or so I am told).

What I appreciate the most in my friends: The ability to be honest and forgive my own faults.

My main fault: According to my wife, I do not say "No" enough. I agree with her.

One surprising thing people don't know about me is that I once flew the President of Afghanistan in a helicopter.

My occupation if I weren't a lawyer: Pilot

Where I'd most like to live: A sailboat large enough to fit my wife, children, dogs, and a rotating slew of family and friends.

My idea of happiness: Doing important, interesting work that improves the lives of others but still leaves time to enjoy family and friends.

What legal work most excites me: Complex litigation, both civil and criminal, that requires creative legal thinking and where my efforts tangibly benefit my clients.

My greatest ambition: Raise children who care about others, build and maintain a strong marriage, and leave my little part of this world better than I found it.

My favorite prose authors: David McCullough, Ernest Hemingway, C.S. Lewis, Tom Wolfe, Pat Conroy

The natural talent I'd like to be gifted with: Earl Scruggs's ability to play the banjo. Steve Martin's ability would also be acceptable, but in that case I'd ask for his comic abilities as well.

My motto: Leadership is just over-glorified service to others.

My favorite characters in fiction: Will McClean, Jean Valjean

My favorite activities away from work: Cooking, reading, hiking, spending time with family and friends, dabbling in the banjo, getting away to the beach whenever I can.

NEWSROOM

News

Brooks Pierce Welcomes Two New Associates

09.24.2020

Publications

Changes to the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Take Effect Oct. 1, 2020

09.30.2020