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Will Walker, known affectionately to some as Otis, represents businesses and organizations in a wide variety of litigation matters in both federal and state court, and before professional licensing boards. He uses his experience as a federal law clerk and court-appointed criminal defense attorney to inform his litigation strategy. He also conducts investigations for businesses, government agencies, and other organizations, including those facing data breach or cybersecurity incidents.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Will 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, Will had to grapple daily with complex procedural and legal issues, experience he uses to help clients develop effective litigation strategies.

WHITE COLLAR DEFENSE & INVESTIGATIONS

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

Will also serves as a member of the Eastern District of North Carolina's Criminal Justice Act Panel. In this role, he represents indigent clients facing federal criminal charges or seeking post-conviction relief.

DATA PRIVACY & CYBERSECURITY

Will assists companies and organizations experiencing cybersecurity incidents with the investigation, response, and notification process, often managing efforts across multiple states. His background in internal investigations and federal criminal defense helps clients perform effective investigations and, should the need arise, mount a strong defense to any subsequent claims. He also helps businesses of all types with assessing regulatory obligations and developing privacy compliance programs to meet them.

SERVICES

Complex Business Litigation

Federal Litigation

Internal Investigations & Compliance

Litigation

Privacy

Professional Liability 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

Honors & Recognitions

Member, North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society (2021)

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 and Eastern Districts of North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Christ Church Raleigh – Young Adult Commission

Christ Church Raleigh – Outreach Ministry Committee

International Association of Privacy Professionals – Member

Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney – Eastern District of North Carolina

Lutheran Family Services, Refugee Resettlement – Circle of Welcome

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 Attorneys Give Back: Ten Recognized by the North Carolina Supreme Court for Pro Bono Work
06.20.2022

Brooks Pierce Welcomes Two New Associates
09.24.2020

Speaking Engagements

Will Walker Speaks to UNC Law Students
03.08.2022

Publications

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

09.30.2020