



Ronald R. Davis

Profile

Mr. Davis has over twenty years' experience as a business trial attorney. He is proficient at finding practical, cost-effective solutions to his clients' business problems, whether that solution is a pre-lawsuit mediation or a lengthy jury trial. Mr. Davis's trial skills have been recognized by his peers as reflected by his inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, and *North Carolina Super Lawyers – Corporate Counsel* edition.

Mr. Davis concentrates his practice in North Carolina federal courts, the North Carolina Business Court, and North Carolina state courts. He regularly represents clients in arbitrations administered by the American Arbitration Association (AAA), Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS), and FINRA. He is a member of the Firm's Business Litigation Practice Group in both Winston-Salem and Greensboro offices, in which his group is ranked "Tier 1" by *U.S. News & World Report* ratings of *Best Law Firms*.

Mr. Davis has an extensive and diverse trial practice. He has represented billion-dollar public companies in the construction aggregate, financial services, broker/dealer, restaurant/hospitality, microprocessor and natural gas transmission sectors. In addition, he has prosecuted and defended lawsuits for middle market business clients in sectors as varied as avionics, automobile distribution, battery manufacturing, brick manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, electricity generation and transmission, fiber optics, food services (including the grocery and restaurant industries), furniture manufacturing, gemstone manufacturing, hedge funds, laser manufacturing, logistics, real estate development, stock car racing, television transmission, temporary staffing, textiles, and warehousing.

Mr. Davis also has been asked to defend other attorneys who have been sued, as well as to represent attorneys in connection with law firm dissolutions.

Mr. Davis served as lead defense counsel for a group of financial institutions in a series of class actions in North Carolina, including *Skinner v. Preferred Credit et al*, 361 N.C. 114, 638 S.E. 2d 203, (2006), *Dash v. First Plus Home Loan Trust 1996-2*, 248 F. Supp. 2d (M.D. N.C. 2003) and *Faircloth v. Nat'l Home Loan Corp.*, 313 F. Supp. 2d 544 (M.D. N.C. 2003), *aff'd*, 87 Fed. Appx. 314 (4th Cir. 2004). From 2004 until 2010, a significant amount of his practice was devoted to serving as lead counsel representing the former Chief Financial Officer of a publicly traded corporation in numerous securities class actions, shareholder derivative actions, governmental investigations, and regulatory proceedings.

Areas of Practice

- Class Actions
- Condemnation and Eminent Domain
- Corporate Governance and Securities Litigation
 - Derivative Actions
- Director and Officer Liability
 - LLC Disputes
 - Non-Competition and Restrictive Covenants
- SEC Investigations
 - Trade Secrets
- Predatory Lending

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Professional Activities

Bar Associations: North Carolina State Bar; North Carolina Bar Association; Forsyth County Bar Association. NC Association of Defense Attorneys. NC State Bar Ethics Committee (2003-2009). Disciplinary Hearing Commission of the North Carolina State Bar (2009 to present). American Inns of Court (Joseph Branch Inn, Barrister 2002-2003).

Admitted to the bar 1993, North Carolina. Admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth and Fifth Circuits; U.S. District Court, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina; and all North Carolina state courts (including the North Carolina Business Court for Complex Business Cases).

Education

B.A., 1981, Davidson College; M.B.A., 1986, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill; J.D., 1986, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill School of Law.