



Reid C. Adams, Jr.

“Cal”

Profile

Cal is one of our more experienced trial lawyers, having tried over thirty jury trials in state and federal courts. He has also tried numerous non-jury matters, including numerous declaratory judgment trials. Cal is a partner in the Winston-Salem office.

Cal has spent the last 10 years splitting his time between (a) insurance coverage litigation, including coordinating a nine-state environmental coverage action for The Home Insurance Company, (b) managing the diet drug litigation in N.C. (over 1200 cases), and (c) large class action cases (including defending Wachovia Bank in a forced placed insurance case). He has also developed expertise in reinsurance coverage and litigation, construction defect coverage and litigation, directors and officers’ liability coverage, antitrust and related commercial matters, including commercial arbitrations, and EMTALA investigations.

Cal has spent many years litigating on behalf of the construction industry, representing condominium owners in a large construction defect case against the general contractor, architect and the various subcontractors, and defending construction companies on behalf of the firm’s insurance company clients.

Cal is the Chair of the firm’s *Pro Bono* Committee. He is also a founding director of Legal Aid of North Carolina and recently completed a two year term as President of the Board of Directors of Legal Aid of North Carolina. He previously served as a member of the Board of Legal Services of N.C. He also serves as a member of the *Pro Bono* Advisory Committee of the *Pro Bono* Institute’s Law Firm *Pro Bono* Project. In 1996, he was honored by the Firm with the first Irving Carlyle *Pro Bono* Publico Award. The North Carolina Bar Association named Cal the 2007 recipient of the William L. Thorp Award, the Association’s top honor for *pro bono* service.

When Cal is not working, he spends most of his time with his wife, three daughters and one son. He is an avid reader of history and politics. He also enjoys golf when time permits.

Professional Activities

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2008-2012 and named a *North Carolina Super Lawyer* for 2008-2012.

Bar Associations: Forsyth County Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association (Litigation Section); Former Member, North Carolina Young Lawyers Division (Served as Chairman, Citizenship Education Committee and Member, Executive Council); President, Board of Directors, Legal Aid Society of Northwest North

Areas of Practice

*Pharmaceutical
Litigation / Mass
Tort Litigation /
Class Action
Litigation /
Reinsurance and
Reinsurance
Litigation/
Insurance Coverage
and Insurance
Coverage Litigation /
Personal Injury
Litigation /
Product Liability
Law / Tort Law /
Workers’
Compensation /
Antitrust and related
commercial matters*

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Carolina, 1996-2008; Board of Directors, Legal Services of North Carolina, (Executive Committee Chair, Grievance Committee); Board of Directors, Legal Aid of North Carolina, (Chair, Strategic Planning Committee).

Admitted to bar, 1981, North Carolina. Admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina and the Fourth and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education

B.A., 1978, Wake Forest University (Hankins Scholar), *cum laude*; J.D., 1981, Wake Forest University School of Law, *cum laude*.

Firm Management Responsibilities

Practice Group Leader, Insurance, Governmental & Tort Litigation (2001-2007); Chair, Firm Pro Bono Committee

Prior Legal Experience

Associate, Nichols Caffrey Hill Evans and Murrelle (Greensboro), 1981-85.

Seminars & Presentations

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| 2007 | Hot Topics: Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, Wake Forest University School of Law Insurance Update |
| 2006 | Navigating the D&O Minefield, Bank Directors Assembly, the North Carolina Bankers Association |
| 2003 | Insurance Coverage Issues in the 21 st Century: Key Issues in the Aftermath of 9/11, Including Definition of Occurrence, Late Notice, Duty to Defend, and Business Interruption Coverage, North Carolina Bar Association "Insurance From A-Z: A Primer on Insurance Law" |
| 2000 | Trigger of Coverage in North Carolina, Business Insurance, December 4, 2000 |
| 1994 | North Carolina Environmental Law Handbook, Environmental Insurance |