



Areas of Practice

*Business Litigation
Medical Malpractice
Domestic Relations*

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Mary Craven Adams works in the Business Litigation Group in the Firm's Winston-Salem office. She is an experienced litigator and focuses her practice in the areas of general civil litigation, medical malpractice defense, and domestic relations. She has litigated an array of cases running the gamut from complex equitable distribution actions involving business valuation issues to shareholder disputes, employment litigation and business torts. Mary has also worked in the management and defense of mass tort and product liability litigation for several different industries. Mary is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* and was named as one of the *Top 40 Under 40 Business Leaders in the Triad* in 2011.

In her spare time, Mary spends time with her husband and their four children, and enjoys traveling, writing screenplays, and outdoor activities.

Professional Activities

Bar Associations: **President**, Forsyth County Bar Association and 21st Judicial District (2011 to present), **Vice President/ President Elect** (2010-2011), and **Treasurer** (2009-2010); **Member**, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys; **Member**, Defense Research Institute; Board Certified Specialist in Family Law; **Member**, 21st Judicial District Ethics and Grievance Committee (1999-2002); **Member**, Forsyth County Bar Association (1996-present).

Admitted to bar 1996, North Carolina. Admitted to practice before the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Courts for the Western, Middle and Eastern Districts of North Carolina.

Civic Activities

Board and Executive Committee Member, SCAN/Exchange United Way (1998-2004); Assistant Editor, North Carolina Bar Association Family Forum (2003-2004); Editor, Family Forum (2004-2005); Volunteer, Domestic Violence Advocacy Center (2001-present); Supervising Attorney, Wake Forest Clinical Program, Adjunct (Spring 2000); Member, Junior League of Winston-Salem, Inc. (2004-present); Volunteer in placements for National Black Theatre Festival, and Crosby Scholars.

Education

B.A., Political Science and Speech Communication, 1993, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with honors, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, London Honors Program at London School of Economics; J.D., 1996, Wake Forest University School of Law, Dean's List, 1993, American Jurisprudence Award in Civil Procedure.

Prior Legal Experience

Research Assistant, Prof. Suzanne Reynolds, Wake Forest University Law School, Winston-Salem, NC (1996); Summer Research Associate, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, Winston-Salem, NC, 1995; Law Clerk, the Hon. William B. Reingold, U.S. District Court, 21st Judicial District (1994-1995); Research Assistant, Litigation Support, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, Winston-Salem, NC (1994).

Lectures and Publications

Proving Earning Capacity, North Carolina Bar Association (May 2005); Annual Review in Domestic Relations, Wake Forest School of Law Continuing Legal Education Program (1996-2004); Alimony and Post Separation Support Basics, North Carolina Bar Association (Fall 2003 and 2005); Equitable Distribution and Deferred Compensation, North Carolina Bar Association (Fall 2001); Leaving Las Vegas: An Argument for the Adoption of Spousal Support Guidelines in North Carolina, North Carolina Bar Association, Family Forum (March 2003); UCCJEA: Questions and Answers, North Carolina Bar Association (Fall 2000); Honors Thesis, "Local Effects of Americans with Disabilities Act," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.