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Donald Pocock focuses his practice on business litigation, construction law, creditor’s rights and insolvency litigation, and financial services litigation. Don represents clients in all phases of litigation including pleadings, discovery, document production, depositions, mediations, motions, briefs, and trial. He has appellate experience, including conducting oral arguments before North Carolina Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of North Carolina, and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has also appeared in arbitrations before American Arbitration Association, National Arbitration Forum, JAMS, and The Arbitration Forum.

Notable Work

Business Disputes: Represented various businesses in disputes related to commercial contracts, trade secrets, and employment non-competition agreements.

Construction Litigation: Represented general contractors and subcontractors in conjunction with both public, bonded projects and private non-bonded work.

Professional Liability: Represented architects and engineers in design defect and professional liability matters.

Financial Services Litigation: Represented banks and non-bank financial institutions in consumer lending disputes including FDCPA, TILA, and RESPA matters and lien avoidance actions in bankruptcy.

Financial Services Litigation: Represented lenders and special servicers in commercial secured lending disputes.

Class Action Defense: Experience managing complex litigation including class action defense and managing litigation in multiple states including South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Texas.

Areas of Experience

- Litigation
- Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Disputes
- Consumer Protection Litigation

Education

- J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 2000, Order of Barristers
- B.A., Wake Forest University, 1997

Admissions

Bars

- North Carolina
- Virginia

Courts

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

Related Content

Nine Akerman Attorneys Named Legal Elite by *Business North Carolina* January 05, 2024

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide August 22, 2023

Commercial Litigation: Experience with traditional litigation as well as alternative dispute resolution such as arbitration and mediation.

Akerman Partner Donald Pocock Elected as Chair of
Litigation Section of the North Carolina Bar
Association
June 20, 2023

Published Work and Lectures

- American Bar Association, Consumer Litigation Committee, Author, “It’s a Wonderful Payment History: George Bailey Would Have Never Heard of Securitization of Debt,” March 19, 2019

Affiliations

- North Carolina Bar Association, Member, 2000-Present
 - Judicial Independence and Integrity Committee, 2020-Present
 - Litigation Section, 2000-Present
 - Chair, 2023-2024
 - Leadership Council, 2017-2020
 - Civil Practice Committee, 2015-2017
 - Construction Section, 2002-Present
 - Administration of Justice Committee, 2011-2013
 - Law School Liaison Committee, 2005-2007
 - AIA/NC Bar Construction Liaison Committee, Member, 2005
 - Lawyers in the Schools Committee, 2001-2003
- The North Carolina Creditors Bar Association, Director, 2023-Present
- Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Wake Forest University
 - Student Member, 1997-2000
 - Barrister, 2002-2005
 - Master of the Bench, 2017-present
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Member
- The Little Theater of Winston–Salem, Inc., Board of Directors, 2012-2017; President, 2015-2016
- Rotary Club of Stratford, Member, 2009-2017; Board of Directors and Officer, 2010-2014
- Jordan Theatre Scholarship Committee, Wake Forest University Department of Theatre, 2002-Present

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2020-2024, Listed in North Carolina for Construction Law, Commercial Litigation
- *Business North Carolina* Magazine, 2024, Recognized as a member of the “Legal Elite” for Litigation
- N.C. Pro Bono Honor Society, N.C. Pro Bono Resource Center, 2019
- *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly*, Leaders in Law, 2019
- *Triad Business Journal*, 40 Under 40, 2011