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A detail-oriented litigator, Amie handles both general and complex civil cases in the areas of business litigation, corporate disputes, insurance defense, insurance coverage and bad faith, employment matters and appellate advocacy. She has extensive trial experience effectively and successfully advocating for business owners, insurance companies, developers, design professionals, engineers, general and subcontractors as well as individuals. Additionally, Amie has considerable experience practicing before appellate courts resulting in positive outcomes in several published opinions.

Experience Highlights

(Every case is different and depends on its own unique facts. Results may vary.)

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of general contractor in week-long federal jury trial over alleged copyright infringement and reverse passing off of building plans brought by a competing contractor.

Represented a construction manager against the owner of a major retail shopping center in a one-week jury trial for past due compensation. The trial resulted in a verdict for the construction manager plus an award of attorneys' fees. The Court of Appeals affirmed.

Represented a general contractor and its president against the owner in a one-week jury trial for past due compensation and against counterclaims. The trial resulted in a verdict for the general contractor. Further, the trial judge granted a judgment notwithstanding the verdict as to the jury's finding of negligence against the president and the Court of Appeals affirmed.

Successfully represented homeowners against developer regarding ownership of oceanfront property in an appeal involving significant issues in real estate law.

Represented national A-rated insurer in seven-year litigation in the North Carolina Business Court in an accounting malpractice action involving several complex issues including a choice of law issue which went to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. The case ended after a four week trial.

Defended general contractor against claims by homeowner of serious structural issues in home. Jury trial resulted in only small award of damages at trial.

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Areas of Focus

Appellate
Business Litigation
Construction Litigation
Insurance Litigation
Professional Liability
Real Property Litigation

Education

UNC at Chapel Hill School of Law, JD 2005 -
High honors; elected to the Order of the
Coif; Gressman-Pollitt Award; Journal of
International Law and Commercial
Regulation, Senior Staff; Pro Bono Board
Wake Forest University, BA 1998 - cum laude;
Denmark's International Study Abroad
Program

Admissions

North Carolina Bar 2005
North Carolina State and Federal Courts
US Circuit Court of Appeals – 4th Circuit

Professional Affiliations

North Carolina Bar Association – Appellate
Practice Council
Wake County Bar Association
Tenth Judicial District Bar
Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
Defense Research Institute (DRI)
North Carolina Association of Defense
Attorneys
North Carolina Association of Women
Attorneys
Wake Women Attorneys

Community

SAFEchild - Board of Directors, past secretary,
Marketing and Fund Development
Committees
Leadership Raleigh - Class of 39
Code f.a.d. Co. - past Board of Directors

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Defended individuals in a trial regarding issue of who were the rightful beneficiaries of a life insurance policy.

Represented contractor in a case involving negligence, wrongful death and a Woodson claim against it due to an accident to a temporary employee at a construction site. The Court of Appeals affirmed the dismissal of the case.

Defended employer in matter against employees claiming additional compensation of profit distributions and bonuses and sued employer for fraud, negligent misrepresentation and breach of contract. The Court of Appeals agreed that all the claims be dismissed against employer except for one aspect of one employee's breach of contract claim.

Represented and defended homeowners in a one-week jury trial in dispute with neighbors for trespass and nuisance which created a situation where homeowners could not sell their house. The trial resulted in a reward of monetary damages and specific performance verdict for the homeowners.

Represented and defended concrete subcontractor in one-week bench trial against general contractor for unpaid services for two multi-residential developments. The trial resulted in a verdict for subcontractor.

Represented an employee against a past-employer in a one-week jury trial for past due compensation. The trial resulted in a win for the employee plus attorneys' fees.

Successfully defended general contractor in arbitration against a claim by a driver that a construction area was negligently maintained with a finding of no negligence.

Speaking & Publications

Co-presenter, "Effectively Using Visual Aids During Oral Arguments" – NCBA Appellate Practice Section 2019 annual meeting.

Author, "Effectively Using Visual Aids During Oral Arguments" – *Defense Research Institute's For the Defense* magazine, February 2019 and *Judicial Excellence* newsletter of the National Foundation of Judicial Excellence, 2019

Author, "Corporate Officers Under Fire" – *CLM Construction Claims* magazine 2016

Co-author, "Professional Malpractice and Economic Loss: Why Choice of Law Really Does Matter" which was presented at the FDCC Commercial Litigation Section 2011 annual meeting

Honors & Awards

AV® Preeminent Peer Rated – Martindale-Hubbell®

Super Lawyers – NC Rising Star lists 2011, 2013-16

Legal Elite – *Business North Carolina* magazine – Appellate 2019-21

