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Sandy is a senior litigator with over 25 years of experience. Her practice is focused on civil litigation primarily in construction and commercial liability. Sandy's previous experience as a plaintiff's attorney offers her invaluable insight in defending design professionals such as architects and engineers where she has managed hundreds of construction defect, negligence claims and contract disputes. She has worked on cases involving claims of all sizes from single family residential to multi-million dollar commercial, industrial projects and roadway projects.

Sandy also handles complaints before state licensing boards for professionals and corporate clients of all occupations. In her employment law practice, she works with corporate and non-profit clients to ensure understanding of and compliance with state and federal regulations and advises on good policies including drafting employee handbooks. Sandy defends EEOC, DOL, ADA and other legal actions related to employment.

Experience Highlights

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

After two week jury trial, awarded complete defense verdict (\$0.00 award) in favor of architect-client in construction litigation lawsuit involving allegations of architect's professional negligence.

After a week-long jury trial, awarded complete defense verdict on all counts (\$0.00 award) in favor of structural engineer-client in construction litigation lawsuit involving allegations of breach of contract and engineer's professional negligence.

Three week trial resulting in a full defense verdict (\$0.00 award) in a suit alleging professional negligence and negligent misrepresentation against geotechnical engineering client. Client also recovered costs associated with the trial as a result of the jury verdict.

Areas of Focus

Business Litigation
Construction Litigation
Insurance/Bad Faith
Professional Liability
Professional Licensing
Labor & Employment

Education

UNC at Chapel Hill School of Law - JD 1991
UNC at Chapel Hill - BA 1988
Peace College, Raleigh NC - AA 1986

Admissions

North Carolina 1995
NC State and Federal Courts
US Circuit Court of Appeals – 4th Circuit
Supreme Court of the United States

Professional Affiliations

North Carolina Bar Association – Construction Law and Litigation Sections; Construction Law Section Council Member since 2015, Secretary 2021-22; Treasurer 2020-21; Women in the Profession Committee 2006-09
Wake County Bar Association
Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) – Member by-invitation-only
Mock Trial Competitions – Past Judge, UNC and Duke Law Schools

Community

YMCA - A.E. Finley Branch – Board Advisor 2004-09
Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church
St. Timothy's Episcopal School – Volunteer 2004-12

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers in America® – listed in Insurance Litigation since 2018
Legal Elite 2020 – *Business North Carolina* magazine - Employment Law
AV Preeminent® Peer Rated – Martindale-Hubbell®
Bar Register of Preeminent® Women Lawyers

