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A trial lawyer, Bill's practice of over thirty years is concentrated in construction law, product liability, environmental, trucking, and other complex business litigation. His clients include general contractors, subcontractors, product manufacturers, trucking companies, business owners, and insurance and surety companies. Having tried more than 50 cases before a jury, Bill has achieved significant results for his clients including a precedent setting case from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. His reputation of always being a fair and respectful advocate and a keen litigation strategist is evidenced by consistently earning top lawyer ratings by his clients and peers.

## **Experience Highlights**

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

Obtained a \$4.5 million award for highway contractor in trial against State Department of Transportation on bridge project contract claim for project time and cost overruns and a \$6.5 million award for project design and delay claims on a highway project.

Lead defense counsel in a six week environmental trial in which 75 plaintiffs sought \$225 million for injuries arising from contaminated water from a private water system. The trial resulted in a complete defense verdict.

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.

Obtained substantial verdicts in jury trials and arbitrations for general contractors against developers and owners for unpaid contract monies, including projects for construction of shopping centers, office complexes and commercial buildings.

Lead counsel for a builder obtaining complete defense verdict on statue of repose, affirmed by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Obtained a defense trial verdict for a commercial trucking client involving a collision between a postal service vehicle and a dump truck hauling construction materials where the jury found the accident to be the fault of the postal driver.

Obtained defense verdict in wrongful death suit against highway contractor for death occurring in a construction zone on an interstate highway.

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## **Areas of Focus**

Appellate
Business Litigation
Construction Litigation
Environmental Litigation
Insurance Litigation
Product Liability
Professional Liability
Trucking & Transportation

#### **Education**

University of South Carolina, JD 1987 – Articles Editor, SC Law Review; Order of the Coif; Moot Court Bar; Order of the Wig and Robe Wake Forest University, BA 1984

## **Admissions** North Carolina

Pennsylvania
District of Columbia
United States District Courts – Eastern, Middle and
Western Districts of North Carolina and District of
Columbia Circuits
United States Court of Federal Claims

## **Professional Affiliations**

Supreme Court of the United States

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA),
Member by-invitation-only
Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA),
Member by-nomination only
Trial Attorneys of America (TAA), Member byrecommendation-only
Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM),

Construction and Environmental Law Committees North Carolina Legal Education Assistance Foundation, Board of Directors and Treasurer

North Carolina Bar Association, Professionalism Committee, Secretary; Litigation and Construction Law Sections

Wake County Bar Association

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Past Board of Directors, Practice Group Chair, Membership Chair

Defense Research Institute (DRI), Steering Committee, Construction Law Westlaw, Westlaw Today Advisory Board

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Obtained defense verdict for trucking company for multiple claims arising out of 18 vehicle interstate highway.

Established new precedent in North Carolina by obtaining favorable ruling from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals holding that no implied warranty claims could be brought against manufacturer of component parts incorporated into construction project.

North Carolina counsel for all products liability and warranty litigation for several leading nationwide construction products manufacturers.

National coordinating counsel for over 300 construction defect suits arising out of the manufacturing and sale synthetic stucco (EIFS).

North Carolina counsel for thimerosal toxicity claims against a vaccine manufacturer.

## **Speaking & Publications**

Bill is the editor of the Construction Law Guide and the Claims Handling Guide, both published by the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, and Bill is the author of *Construction Law Client Strategies: Efficiently Assessing and Addressing Risks* (Aspatore Books 2007).

Mr. Pollock speaks regularly to audiences concerning construction, environmental and insurance law issues and has conducted dozens of presentations and seminars. Most recently, Bill presented at the Trial Attorneys of America and CLM annual and regional conferences.

#### **Honors & Awards**

AV Preeminent® Peer Rated – Martindale-Hubbell® Best Lawyers in America® editions 2015-present in Insurance Litigation, Construction Litigation and Product Liability

Best Lawyers in America® 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" Insurance Litigation - Raleigh Metro Super Lawyers NC lists 2015-present in Construction Litigation

Super Lawyers Top 100 NC Lawyers lists 2016-20 Super Lawyers Top 25 Raleigh lists 2018, 2019 Legal Elite 2020, 2022-present - *Business North Carolina* magazine in Litigation and Construction









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