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Lee practices in the litigation group where he is focused on the defense of civil matters. He represents insurance companies, long term care providers, individual health care providers and other individuals and entities. In his over thirty years of experience, Lee has successfully tried many jury trials and arbitrations to verdict or award. Lee is a mediator and frequently arbitrates matters for both plaintiffs and defendants.

Experience Highlights

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

Obtained summary judgment in a complex work place domestic violence case involving a long term care facility.

Negotiated a favorable settlement in a case involving alleged negligence in the construction of a highway, after discovering and establishing negligence and spoliation of evidence on the part of plaintiff's employer which caused the employer to substantially reduce their worker's compensation lien claim.

Obtained partial summary judgment for insurance client in unfair and deceptive trade practice/bad faith lawsuit. Remainder of claims were favorably settled before trial after evidence was discovered that the insured had falsified claim documents.

Successfully defended an institutional health care provider following its emergence from bankruptcy in numerous cases leading to the dismissal of many claims.

Obtained favorable ruling from North Carolina Supreme Court on behalf of safety equipment company in an electrocution case, which confirmed the defense of contributory negligence in breach of warranty matters in North Carolina.

Obtained a favorable jury verdict in a case brought against a fast food franchise by customer who claimed he lost his sense of taste from tainted water at the restaurant. The jury returned a verdict of approximately 1% of the amount sought by plaintiff and ruled in favor of the defendant on the issue of punitive damages. The verdict was successfully affirmed by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Presentations

Lee has written and spoken extensively on various topics for numerous organizations over the last 20 years, including the North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Wake County Claims Association and the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association.

Areas of Focus

Insurance Litigation
Health Care Litigation - Long Term Care

Education

UNC at Chapel Hill School of Law, JD 1984
UNC at Chapel Hill, BS, BA 1981

Admissions

North Carolina 1984
US District Courts – Eastern, Middle and Western
Districts of North Carolina

Professional Affiliations

North Carolina Bar Association - Litigation Section
Wake County Bar Association
Wake County Volunteer Lawyers Program
Defense Research Institute (DRI)
NC Association of Defense Attorneys
North Carolina Certified Mediator

Honors & Award

AV Preeminent® Peer Rated - Martindale-Hubbell®
The Best Lawyers in America® - listed in Health Care
Litigation and Medical Malpractice Law
Defendants since 2011
Super Lawyers - NC editions since 2020 in Civil
Litigation Defense
"Power List" - *NC Lawyers Weekly* magazine 2021-
Personal Injury Defendants, by nomination
Legal Elite - *Business North Carolina* magazine 2023

