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One of the senior business lawyers in the firm, Dottie Burch's extensive experience covers business and real estate purchase, refinance and sale transactions as well as, everyday business advice involving strategic contract negotiation, business planning, human resources, corporate formation, management and dissolution. Her clients cover the range from individuals and small locally or family-owned businesses to large national government-regulated companies. She represents insurance companies and agents in purchase and sale transactions and assists with negotiations between agents and the North Carolina Department of Insurance. Dottie is also widely recognized as the preeminent equine lawyer in North Carolina, representing many individuals and business entities which are involved in all facets of the horse industry, a growing industry that brings in nearly \$10 billion per year in North Carolina.

Representation

Regularly represents NC business owners operating various types of businesses (e.g., stables; veterinary, dental and other health related practices; daycares; insurance companies and agencies; advertising and marketing companies; restaurants and more) in connection with the sale or purchase of businesses, real and personal property; negotiates complex business terms and prepares all closing documentation to finalize transactions.

Represents NC licensed insurance companies, brokers and agents in connection with their acquisitions of insurance books of business, companies and agencies and in connection with issues involving the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

Represents multiple lenders and property owners in connection with complex real estate title defects (including boundary disputes, lien priority disputes, easement disputes and mineral rights disputes), including two successful cases argued before the NC Court of Appeals in rare equitable subrogation matters.

Represents major equine insurance agency, several large equine show boarding and teaching facilities, prominent equine trainers, show managers, breeders and many horse owners and equestrians with regard to corporate matters, real property matters, personal injury matters and business and employment disputes.

Areas of Focus

Administrative/Regulatory
Business Law
Commercial Real Estate
Contracts
Corporate Governance
Entity Formation
Equine Law
Insurance Law & Regulatory
Land Use, Zoning & Development
Mergers & Acquisitions
Title Curative Work & Insurance

Education

UNC at Chapel Hill School of Law, JD 1991
Meredith College, BA 1988, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

North Carolina Bar 1991
North Carolina State and Federal Courts
Supreme Court of the United States

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association - Former Chair of the
Equine Law Subcommittee of Animal Law
Committee
North Carolina Bar Association - Professional
Vitality Committee Member
Wake County Bar Association
NCDRC Certified Mediator - Superior Court/Clerk of
Court/Farm Nuisance
North Carolina Horse Council - Board and
Executive Committee, Member since 2009
Triangle Commercial Real Estate Women (TCREW) -
Member, Past Director and Special Events Officer

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Publications & Presentations

Author, A Lawyer's Stress Relief Smorgasboard – From Mainstream to Metaphysical

Author, Equine Law Blog at www.nchorselawyer.wordpress.com

Author, Equine Law Twitter Feed @NCHorseLawyer

Monthly Contributing Author, Southeast Equine and Carolina Hoofbeats magazines

Presenter, 2015 and 2016 National Conferences on Equine Law, Lexington, KY

Guest Lecturer on Equine Law, NCSU College of Agriculture

Guest Lecturer on Business Law, NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine

Guest Lecturer on Business & Real Estate Law, UNC School of Dentistry

Meredith College Seminar Instructor – “Owning Your Own Business”

Meredith College Senior Class Keynote Speaker



Community

Meredith College Paralegal Program - Member, Advisory Board

Make-A-Wish Foundation - Previous Director, Legal Counsel and Secretary

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church - Ordained Elder, Personnel Committee and many other positions as a lifetime member

Honors & Awards

AV Preeminent® Peer Rated - Martindale-Hubbell®

Super Lawyers NC lists in Corporate Law since 2017

Super Lawyers Top 50 Women NC lawyers 2020, 2022-24

Best Lawyers in America® listed in Corporate Law and Real Estate Law since 2016

Legal Elite *Business North Carolina* magazine 2020, 2022-23

NC Pro Bono Honor Society since 2017

Leader in the Law Award 2013 - *NC Lawyers Weekly* magazine

North Carolina Horse Council - Star Volunteer Award

Alumna Career Achievement Award - Meredith College

Top 25 Women in Business Award - *Triangle Business Journal*

Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers®

