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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.

Speaking

North Carolina Bar Association Construction Law Section Winter 2023 CLE, presenter

"Leather and Lace: How Design Professionals Fit in a Termination"

Areas of Focus

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

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, Labor & Employment, and Litigation Sections - Construction Law Section Council Chair 2023-24, Vice Chair 2022-23, Secretary 2021-22, Treasurer 2020-21; Women in the Profession Committee 2006-09

Wake County Bar Association

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Mock Trial Competitions – Past Judge, UNC and Duke Law Schools Mock Trials

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers in America® since 2019 - Construction Litigation, Insurance Litigation and Professional Malpractice Law
Super Lawyers NC 2022-24 editions - Construction Litigation
Legal Elite 2020, 2023 – *Business North Carolina* magazine - Employment Law

AV Preeminent® Peer Rated – Martindale-Hubbell®

Bar Register of Preeminent® Women Lawyers

