

## John A. Hardin

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John is a member of both Manning Fulton's government relations and litigation practices. He represents clients before both the North Carolina General Assembly as well state agencies. He currently represents a broad range of clients that include Fortune 500 companies, national trade associations, non-profits, and small businesses. For several years running, John has been ranked one of the ten best lobbyists in North Carolina.

John Hardin is a partner in Manning Fulton's government relations practice and co-chairs the practice area. John represents clients before the North Carolina General Assembly, state agencies, local governments and several federal agencies. John and the government relations team represent over 50 clients, including major national corporations such as Charter, Expedia, and national trade associations such as the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers Association (PhRMA). John represents many North Carolina organizations and entities that are vital to the state including the Insurance Federation of North Carolina and the North Carolina Railroad Company.

He has been recognized by the Triangle Business Journal as one of the 40 young professional under the age of 40 who make significant contributions to their respective industries and communities. For several years running, John has been recognized as one of the top 10 lobbyists in North Carolina and has been recognized as a North Carolina Super Lawyer every year since 2015.

John is a graduate of Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law where he served as Editor in Chief of the Campbell Law Observer. He received his undergraduate degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of North Carolina.

Prior to entering law school, John spent two years serving as Special Assistant to former State Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate Richard H. Moore. In that role, he served as the Treasurer's proxy on

### Services

Condemnation and Eminent Domain  
Government Relations and Government Affairs  
Real Estate Litigation  
Complex Litigation and Commercial Litigation  
Condemnation and Eminent Domain

several boards and commissions. He also traveled to the state with Treasurer Moore, advising him on political and policy decisions.

## Credentials

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### Education

- Campbell University School of Law - J.D. - 2012
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication - 2007

### Admitted to Practice

- North Carolina, 2012

### Professional Activities

- North Carolina Professional Lobbyists Association
  - Board of Directors (2017-present)
  - Executive Committee (2020-present)
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Government Relations Practice - 2021-2022

### Prior Experience and Clerkships

- North Carolina Department of State Treasurer
  - Special Assistant and Policy Adviser to Treasurer Richard H. Moore (2007-2009)

## Representative Matters

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- Represented a family in Garner, NC when NC DOT replaced old Tryon Rd. with a new service road. NC DOT initially paid the family \$76,800. At mediation, the case settled for \$1,065,000 for a difference of \$988,200. Consent judgment was entered in October 2017.
- Represented a family when NC DOT took 8.6 acres for the US Highway 401 by-pass. NC DOT initially paid \$1,342,930. The final jury verdict required NC DOT to pay \$4,349,837 plus interest of \$761,649.54 for a difference of \$3,768,556.54. Trial occurred in Wake County in September 2013.
- Represented landowners when DOT took 36.6 acres from the relocation of Highway 70. DOT initially paid \$2,524,150. Final settlement required DOT to pay \$6,650,000 - for a difference of \$4,125,850. Consent judgment was entered in November 2012.
- Represented landowners affected by sewer easements. Helped to mitigate damage of sewer easements on property and helped to increase initial deposit from local condemning authorities.
- Represented landowners affected by installation of Greenways on their property. Helped assess viability of different locations and advised clients on financial and development repercussions associated with the existence of a Greenway on the property.
- Represented adjacent property owners in mitigating adverse impacts of nearby development.
- Interpreted zoning ordinances and proposed uniform development ordinance changes for property owners and real estate developers.

## Community Engagement

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### North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

- Friends of the Museum Board Member (2017-present)
- Executive Committee (2017-present)

**Capital City Clauses**

- Immediate Past President (2014-present)

**Campbell Law School**

- Alumni Association Board of Directors (2014-2017)

**YMCA of the Triangle**

- We Build People Fundraiser (2008-present)

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

- Man and Woman of the Year Nominating Committee (2012-2014)