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Mike Fox is a practical problem solver with a realistic approach to his clients' problems. Taking the time to understand all issues and contemplate all possible solutions, Mike prides himself on providing clients with absolute honesty on their cases' strengths and weaknesses, and with service that delivers measurable value.

Mike's practice is in business litigation, real estate litigation, government affairs and zoning and land use. He practices regularly in state and federal court and has tried numerous business and real estate cases to a jury verdict. In March of 2017, Mike was appointed by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper to become Chairman of the North Carolina Board of Transportation, a Board that oversees an agency that employees 10,000+ employees and has an annual budget in excess of \$5 Billion.

Mike has enjoyed helping people solve problems and resolve disputes from an early age. His strong desire for justice motivated him to pursue a career as an attorney, and he considers himself fortunate to be able to help people solve their problems while also earning a living doing something that brings him personal satisfaction.

Recent Representative Matters

- Mike recently represented an energy company in a quasi-judicial proceeding for a permit to develop a large solar farm in Currituck County, North Carolina. He presented the case for the approval of the permit including the testimony of multiple expert witnesses and, after the hearing, the County denied the permit request. Mike and his client successfully appealed the denial through the North Carolina Court of Appeals who ruled that the permit should have been granted after the original hearing.
- Mike represented the owner of a condominium office tower in the appeal of the property tax valuation of the approximately 50 unsold units. The County started at a total value of more than \$24M but Mike and his client appealed and were ultimately able to reduce the taxable value to a little more than \$20M. This reduction in total value offered the client significant savings over the 5-year assessment period.

SERVICES

Corporate & Finance

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Fractional General Counsel

Real Estate

Covid-19-Related Issues

EDUCATION

J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law (1989)

B.A., Appalachian State University (1986)

Outside of the Office

In his time away from the office, Mike goes back to his farm roots by spending time outdoors, hiking and camping. He, along with his trained bird dogs, is an avid hunter, mostly of birds including duck, dove, pheasant and quail.

Mike is married to Angela Bullard Fox, an elected NC District Court Judge, and together they have seven children between the ages of 13 and 23. He enjoys watching and participating in their children's activities which include competitive soccer, baseball, basketball and dance.

A native of Boone, NC, Mike lived and worked in Washington DC, Atlanta, and Raleigh before settling in Greensboro in 1996. He had an early career in public service as an aide to a US Congressman, a local prosecutor in Atlanta, and as a Special Prosecutor in North Carolina.

Awards



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