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Professional Experience

Bill leads the Financial Transactions and Regulation practice. His experience includes the representation of lending institutions, companies, individuals, and community associations in a wide variety of commercial real estate matters. Bill regularly represents lenders and borrowers in loan transactions; purchasers and sellers in the negotiation and preparation of real estate letters of intent and purchase agreements; landlords and tenants in the negotiation and preparation of commercial and retail leases; developers in the creation of restrictive and protective covenants for planned communities; developers, community associations, and property owners regarding the interpretation and application of restrictive and protective covenants; and purchasers, owners, and lenders regarding title and title insurance issues. He also is experienced in the licensing and legal responsibilities of real estate brokers and firms. Bill has been rated by his peers as being "preeminent" in his fields of law.

Prior to joining the Firm, he served terms as the Chief Federal Public Defender for the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina.

Practice Concentrations

Commercial Real Estate Acquisition, Financing, Development, Subdivision, and Sale

Representation of Financial Institutions and Borrowers in Loan and Leasing Transactions

Preparation and Interpretation of Restrictive Covenants

Negotiation and Preparation of Leases

Real Estate Broker Licensing Issues

Title Insurance Issues

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Ranking Scholar, Wake Forest University School of Law, 1975

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Wake Forest University, 1971

Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 1975

All state courts in North Carolina

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina

United States Supreme Court

Honors and Distinctions*

The Best Lawyers in America, 2013-2021



Professional and Community Affiliations

American Land Title Association

North Carolina Association of Realtors

North Carolina Bar Association — Sections: Business Law; Constitutional Rights; Construction Law; Environmental Energy & Natural Resources Law; Real Property; Zoning, Planning and Land Use

Real Estate Lawyers Association of North Carolina

* Please see the following websites for an explanation of the membership standards for the following recognitions: www.bestlawyers.com; businessnc.com/special-sections/legal-elite/; and www.superlawyers.com/north-carolina.