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Professional Experience

After a distinguished legal career, Gary retired from the firm's law practice in the winter of 2022.

Gary is a diverse trial lawyer whose litigation practice includes all forms of commercial and business disputes and product liability defense. He has tried to verdict in excess of 70 jury trials, including a wide variety of jury cases in state and federal courts in North Carolina and before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Gary regularly defends banking, development, and private institution clients in matters such as contract breaches, business disputes, fraud, and class action litigation of all types. He also represents manufacturers in products liability matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Gary practiced law in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Practice Concentrations

Banking Litigation

Business and Commercial Law

Products Liability Defense

Federal Civil Practice

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Cumberland School of Law, 1974. Associate Editor, Cumberland-Samford Law Review.

B.A., Taylor University, 1971

Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 1998

Indiana, 1974

All state courts in North Carolina

All state courts in Indiana

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Seventh Circuits

United States Court of International Trade

United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana

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

United States Supreme Court

Honors and Distinctions*

"Super Lawyer," *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, 2006-2021

The Best Lawyers in America, 1995-2021

"Legal Elite," *Business North Carolina*, Litigation, 2006, 2013, 2018, 2021

American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow, 1992-present)

"Top 100: North Carolina Super Lawyer," *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, 2008-2011

American College of Trial Lawyers (North Carolina Chairman, 2008-2010)



Representative Experience

Successfully defended employee class action lawsuit against financial institutions client over retirement plan investment options

Successfully defended financial institutions client in class action lawsuit involving overdraft charges

Successfully defended medical equipment supplier in a TCPA class action

Successfully defended large insurance company against bad faith claims insureds and recover punitive damages against insured for fraudulent claim

Represents manufacturers in products liability lawsuits involving catastrophic injuries (

Represents clients in FINRA arbitrations

Professional and Community Affiliations

American Bar Association — Section: Litigation

Defense Research Institute

Eastern North Carolina Inn of Court

Federal Bar Association — Section: Federal Litigation

Indiana State Bar Association

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

North Carolina Bar Association — Sections: Antitrust and Complex Business Disputes Law; Litigation

North Carolina Economic Developers Association

The Voice of Defense Bar

American College of Trial Lawyers

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