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Professional Experience

Merrill's practice experience encompasses a broad range of business law matters, including start-up businesses, business transfers and acquisitions, transactional matters, and tax matters. He has extensive experience representing contractors, design professionals, and project owners in drafting and negotiating construction, design, and design/build contracts. His practice also includes the representation of health care organizations and their owners in corporate, transactional, and merger and acquisition matters.

Merrill assists hemp industry clients with the formation of companies, including negotiation of operating agreements and buy-sell agreements, preparation and negotiation of hemp industry agreements, such as manufacturing agreements, as well as mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance.

Merrill has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1994.

Practice Concentrations

Business
Formation/Organization and
Reorganization

Construction and Design
Contracts

Corporate, Limited Liability
Company, and Partnership Law

Mergers and Acquisitions

Education

J.D., Wake Forest School of Law,
1997. Articles Editor, [Wake
Forest Law Review](#), Moot Court
Board.

M.B.A., East Carolina University,
1993

B.S., Wake Forest University,
1990

Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 1997

All state courts in North
Carolina

Honors and Distinctions*

"The Best Lawyers in America," Best Lawyers[®], 2013-2022

"Legal Elite," Business North Carolina, 2016



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LEGAL ELITE

Representative Experience

Representation of a CBD extraction and CBD product manufacturing company in a capital transaction with a large investor, as well as other corporate finance matters and industry-specific agreements.

Representation of the seller of a large HVAC contractor in a sale of stock to a Fortune 500 company

Representation of the seller of assets of a consumer goods brokerage and distribution company

Representation of the seller of assets of large multi-facility optometry practice

Representation of developer of student housing/retail facility in negotiation of construction contract

Representation of general contractor in joint venture for proposal on large highway project

Representation of general contractor in negotiation of joint venture and construction agreements for multiple school projects

Representation of international manufacturing company in negotiation of a construction management contract for new manufacturing facility

Professional and Community Affiliations

American Bar Association — Forum: Construction Industry; Sections: Business Law; Taxation

North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants

North Carolina Bar Association — Sections: Business Law; Construction Law; Tax Law

Pitt County Committee of 100 (Legal Counsel to Board and Executive Committee, Present to 2018)

Pitt County Development Commission (board member)

Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina (board member 2015-present; Executive Committee and Vice President - 2017)

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