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Professional Experience

Terri is a trusted estate planning advisor to families and individuals seeking to safeguard their assets and plan for the future. As a leader of the firm's estate administration practice, she works closely with executors and administrators of estates in carrying out their legal duties as fiduciaries, including inventories, accountings, and estate tax returns. She also handles both contested and uncontested guardianships.

Terri brings a distinguished background of public service experience to Ward and Smith. She previously served for over ten years as the Clerk of Superior Court in Craven County, where her responsibilities included managing court system operations and acting as a Probate Judge. She also practiced law for 12 years with the Honorable Charles Kennedy McCotter, Jr., former U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge.

Prior to this role, Terri was a law clerk for two highly regarded judges: the Honorable W. Earl Britt, former Senior U.S. District Court Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and the Honorable Wallace W. Dickson, U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge.

Practice Concentrations

Estate Administration

Wills and Trusts Law

Contested and Uncontested
Guardianships

Education

J.D., cum laude, North Carolina
Central University School of
Law, 2000

B.A., magna cum laude, North
Carolina Wesleyan College,
B.A., 1996

A.A.S., Hardbarger Business
College

Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 2000



Professional and Community Affiliations

NC Conference of Clerks of Superior Court (Committee to Rewrite Clerk's Procedure Manual) 2012-2022

NC State Bar, Attorney member

NC Real Estate Commission, Broker

Craven County Bar Association (past President, Secretary/Treasurer)

3-B Judicial District Bar Association (Craven, Carteret, Pamlico Counties)

Coastal Women's Forum, 2012-present

Coastal Community Action, Past Board Member. 2014-2020

Craven Community College Foundation Board of Directors, 2023-2027

Havelock Chamber of Commerce Board Member 2019-present; Executive Board Secretary. 2021 & 2023

New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce, 2014-present

Coastal Women's Shelter, former Board Member and Treasurer, 2006-2010

New Bern Historical Society, 2018-present

NC Domestic Violence Commission Board, 2018-2022 (Appointment by Governor Cooper)

Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern, NC