

# Charles E. Coble

Partner



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A Board Certified Specialist in appellate practice, Charles Coble handles complex business litigation and appeals across a range of courts and jurisdictions. He has represented businesses and individuals in a wide variety of matters at the trial and appellate levels, including bet-the-company litigation, franchise disputes, intellectual property matters, class actions, and construction disputes.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property  
Litigation  
› Appellate  
› Complex Business Litigation  
› Federal Litigation  
› IP Litigation  
› North Carolina Business Court

#### INDUSTRIES

Construction & Development  
Manufacturing  
Technology

#### EDUCATION

Harvard Law  
J.D., 1998, *magna cum laude*  
Yale University  
B.A., 1995, *magna cum laude*

Certified by the North Carolina Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in Appellate Law

#### CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to Judge Frank W. Bullock, Jr., U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1998-99

#### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina  
US Supreme Court  
US Court of Appeals  
4th Circuit  
6th Circuit  
US District Court - Florida  
Northern District  
US District Court - North Carolina  
Western District  
Middle District  
Eastern District

## MY PRACTICE

### COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION

Charles has handled numerous complex business litigation cases in federal court and the North Carolina Business Court. His experience includes cases involving significant contract disputes, allegation of fraud and unfair and deceptive trade practices, complex agreements between large companies and governments (including the multi-billion-dollar Master Settlement Agreement between 52 US States and territories and tobacco company signatories), franchise issues and the ownership and licensing of copyrights and trademarks.

### APPELLATE LITIGATION

Charles has practiced in every level of courtroom, from North Carolina's small claims and district courts to the U.S. Supreme Court. He is certified by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization as a Board Certified Specialist in appellate practice, a certification that requires significant experience briefing and arguing matters on appeal, a robust peer review, and successfully passing a written exam. He is one of 34 attorneys in North Carolina to have obtained this certification. Charles has been involved in over 25 appeals, arguing cases in the Fourth Circuit, North Carolina Supreme Court, and North Carolina Court of Appeals, and he brings that extensive experience of the appellate court system and its rules and procedures to bear for each of his clients.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Cases with reported decisions in which Charles served as a principal appellate brief author, argued before an appellate panel, or participated in trial court proceeding include the following:

Capital Associated Industries, Inc. v. Cooper, 129 F. Supp. 3d 281 (M.D.N.C. 2016)

Andrews v. Daughtry, 994 F. Supp 2d 728 (M.D.N.C. 2014)

Warrender v. Gull Harbor Yacht Club, Inc., 228 N.C. App. 520 (2013)

Hill v. StubHub, Inc., 219 N.C. App. 227 (2013)

Boyce v. Isley, PLLC v. Cooper, 211 N.C. App. 469 (2012) and 195 N.C. App. 625 (2011)

Dutcher v. Eastburn, 39 Media L. Rep. 1605 (E.D.N.C. 2011)

SEANC v. NC Department of the State Treasurer, 364 N.C. 205 (2010)

News & Observer Publishing Co. v. Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority, 597 F.3d 570 (4th Cir. 2010)

Beaufort County Board of Education v. Beaufort County Board of Commissioners, 184 N.C. App. 110 (2007)

Kirkman v. N.C. Railroad Co., 220 F.R.D. 49 (M.D.N.C. 2006)

Knight Publishing Co. v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, 172 N.C. App 486 (2005)

Tarrant v. Freeway Foods of Greensboro, Inc., 163 N.C. App. 504 (2004)

## HONORS

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation (2013-2019)

Recognized in *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters) in Business Litigation (2014-2018) and as a "Rising Star" in Business Litigation (2010-2012)

Recognized in *Super Lawyers Business Edition* in Business Litigation (2015)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite"* in Young Guns (2011-2012)

Board Certified Specialist in Appellate Practice by the [North Carolina Board of Legal Specialization](#)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chairman, [Raleigh Board of Adjustment](#) (2012 – present)

Vice Chairman, [Raleigh Board of Adjustment](#) (2009 - 2012)

Member, [Raleigh Board of Adjustment](#) (2007 – 2015)

Community Member, [Wake County Board of Education Audit Committee](#) (2012 – present)

Member, [North Carolina Bar Association](#) (1999 – present)

Member, [American Bar Association](#) (1999 – present)

Member, [Wake County Bar Association](#) (1999 – present)

Section Council, Appellate Practice of the [North Carolina Bar Association](#)

## PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Co-Author, *Survey of North Carolina Privacy Law and Related Claims Against the Media* Media Law Resource Center 50-State Survey, Media Privacy and Related Law, 2015-present

"Online Speech and the First Amendment: Internet Defamation and other Digital Torts," University of North Carolina Festival of Legal Learning, February 2013

"AIA Continuing Education Seminar, Risk Management," American Institute of Architects, Triangle Section, October 2012

"Full-Disclosure" Workshops on N.C. Public Records Act and FOIA, organized by Carolina Public Press at Western Carolina University and UNC-Asheville, March 2012

Panelist, "Newsgathering Law: How to Stay Out of Trouble When You're Gathering Information for a Story," Online Media Legal Network, September 2010

Brooks Pierce Wins Key International Copyright and Trademark Infringement Case, Client Awarded Nearly \$9 Million, February 12, 2018

Brooks Pierce Art Collection Featured in News & Observer, May 18, 2017

Brooks Pierce Partner Certified as a Specialist in Appellate Practice, December 6, 2016

Brooks Pierce Media Attorneys Author Survey of North Carolina Privacy and Related Claims Against the Media, July 13, 2015

Brooks Pierce Broadcasting Clients Prevail in U.S. Supreme Court, June 22, 2012

Prak and Coble Speak on Openness in Government, March 16, 2010

Brooks Pierce Partners Successful in Pro Bono Taser Case, February 1, 2010

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Coble Presents at Media Law Conference, September 25, 2010

Coble and Spainhour Serve as Panelists for North Carolina Open Government Coalition's Seminar, March 18, 2009