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Julia Ambrose draws upon her two clerkships, including one with former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, in her work as a litigator, with an emphasis on appellate litigation. Her practice is focused on media and communications, education, and commercial and constitutional litigation.

PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative and Regulatory
Education
Litigation
‣ Appellate
‣ Federal Litigation
Media and Publishing

INDUSTRIES

Education
Film & Television
Media, Publishing, & Communications

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University
J.D., 1994, Order of the Coif
Rhodes College
B.A., 1990, Phi Beta Kappa

CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, United States Supreme Court, 1995-96
Law Clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III, United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1994-95

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
North Carolina
Virginia
US Court of Appeals
3rd Circuit
4th Circuit
9th Circuit
11th Circuit
D.C. Circuit
Federal Circuit
US District Court - North Carolina
Western District
Middle District
Eastern District

MY PRACTICE

BROADCAST TELEVISION REGULATION AND LITIGATION

Technology is evolving rapidly, but the laws and regulations governing broadcast television have not always kept pace. Julia has significant experience helping her clients navigate this changing landscape. She has represented clients in the notice-and-comment process before the Federal Communications Commission as it creates new rules for television broadcasters, and she regularly provides written advocacy on hot-button issues before federal agencies and the courts, including the application of federal indecency standards to television broadcasts and the assertion of television stations' rights under the Copyright Act.

APPELLATE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION

Julia's clerkship experiences at the United States Supreme Court and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals spurred her passion for appellate litigation. She welcomes the challenge of advocating for the interpretation and application of even the most complex laws in the appellate setting and helping clients navigate the often-formidable appellate process. The same passion for resolving the most demanding legal issues drives Julia's regular engagement in litigation raising state and federal constitutional questions.

EDUCATION

Julia has represented local school boards in a variety of trial and appellate litigation matters, including cases involving funding disputes, access to school property, free speech, discrimination, personal injury, employment, and the constitutionality of state laws governing teacher tenure.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Vice-Chair, Appellate Practice Section, [North Carolina Bar Association](#) (2014-2015)

Chair-elect, Appellate Practice Section, North Carolina Bar Association (2015-2016)

Member, Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section, [North Carolina Bar Association](#) (2007-present)

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

- Julia Ambrose, presenter: "Recent Developments at the Federal Communications Commission," UNC School of Law Festival of Legal Learning, February 2018
- Julia Ambrose and Ed West, presenters: "Ethics Update for In-House Counsel: Litigation, Investigations and Management," Association of Corporate Counsel event, December 2017 (repeated for the ACC Triad Chapter, March 2018)
- Julia Ambrose and Jesse Witten, U.S. Supreme Court Declines Again To Interpret FCA Public Disclosure Bar, Bureau of National Affairs Health Care Fraud Report, March 2006
- Julia Ambrose, Laura Chipman, & Charles Marshall, Commercial-Free TV and Aereo: What Lies Ahead for Content Owners in the Wake of the Ninth Circuit's AutoHop Decision, Communications Lawyer, November 2013
- Julia C. Ambrose and Laura S. Chipman, A Distinction Without a Difference: Why Thousands of Tiny Antennas Didn't Save Aereo at the Supreme Court, Communications Lawyer (forthcoming 2014)
- Julia C. Ambrose, "Clerking for the FWOTSC: Recollections of a Former O'Connor Clerk," In Chambers: More Stories of Supreme Court Law Clerks and Their Justices (UVA Press forthcoming 2015)
- Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Present at the 2018 Festival of Legal Learning, January 3, 2018
- Eighteen Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Speak at the 2016 Festival of Legal Learning, February 2, 2016
- Brooks Pierce Attorneys Represent School Boards in Key Cases, February 1, 2014
- Supreme Court Rocks Campaign Finance Boat, February 19, 2010
- Indecency Challenges Proceed Through the Federal Courts, October 1, 2009

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Brooks Pierce Partners Present Ethics CLE for Triad Members of ACC , May 4, 2018
- Brooks Pierce Partners Ed West and Julia Ambrose Present Ethics CLE for Association of Corporate Counsel, January 30, 2018
- Twenty Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Speak at the 2015 Festival of Legal Learning, February 10, 2015
- Julia Ambrose Presents at Appellate Rules Committee CLE, November 13, 2009