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Widely recognized by his peers and clients as a top litigator, Jim Williams represents corporate and professional organizations in high-stakes cases involving complex business disputes related to securities, antitrust issues, contracts and intellectual property.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

- › Antitrust Litigation
- › Appellate
- › Class Action
- › Complex Business Litigation
- › Federal Litigation
- › IP Litigation
- › Mediation & Arbitration
- › North Carolina Business Court
- › Professional Liability Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Accounting & Professional Services
Banking, Investment & Financial Services
Education
Health Care
Manufacturing
Retail
Technology
Transportation

EDUCATION

Wake Forest University School of Law
LLB, 1966, *cum laude*, Editor,
Wake Forest Law Review 1965-66

Wake Forest University
B.A., 1962, Athletic Scholarship
(Football)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina
US Supreme Court
US Court of Appeals
4th Circuit
7th Circuit
US Court of Federal Claims
US District Court - North Carolina
Western District
Middle District
Eastern District

MY PRACTICE

COMPLEX BUSINESS & CORPORATE LITIGATION

Jim focuses on business litigation, and throughout his career has handled numerous complex cases in federal and state courts, the North Carolina Business Court, and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. He represents clients in many types of disputes, including class actions suits, securities, antitrust and corporate governance.

Jim has been widely recognized by his peers and clients as a top litigator. In 2012, Jim received the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award, the highest award bestowed by the N.C. Bar Association. In 2010, he was honored as the third person to receive the Advocate's Award, given by the N.C. Bar Association's Litigation Section in recognition of leaders in the profession. Jim is a member of Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite" Hall of Fame, and has been consistently listed in [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#)®, [*North Carolina Super Lawyers*](#) and [*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*](#).

The 2017 *Chambers USA* guide noted that "the 'excellent' Jim Williams offers extensive trial experience in antitrust matters and securities disputes and regularly represents corporations and professional organizations in high-stakes cases."

ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Jim represents businesses in litigation involving federal antitrust claims under the Sherman and Robinson-Patman Acts. He advocates on behalf of clients in disputes between competitors, disputes between suppliers and customers, and litigation stemming from relationships between manufacturers and franchisees.

The 2017 *Chambers USA* guide noted that "Jim Williams is a respected commercial litigator who continues to advise on antitrust disputes. His long-standing experience includes handling disputes brought under the Sherman Act and securities class actions."

SECURITIES LITIGATION

Jim has successfully represented his clients in securities actions brought by shareholders, debt holders, and employee stock ownership plans.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY LITIGATION

Jim represents accounting firms and law firms on liability issues, usually involving corporate transactions that have resulted in claims of fraud, negligence, negligent misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, unfair trade practices, and securities violations.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION

As an intellectual property litigator, Jim represents businesses in a variety of industries on issues related to trademark/copyright infringement, trade secrets, patents, privacy breaches and Internet and digital marketing.

HONORS

Received the [John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award](#), the highest award bestowed by the North Carolina State Bar (2012)

Received the [Advocate's Award](#) given by the North Carolina Bar Association's Litigation Section in recognition of superstars of the profession (2010)

Received the [Medallion of Merit Award](#), the highest honor awarded by Wake Forest University, 2016

Received the [Distinguished Alumni Award](#) from Wake Forest University, 2014

Selected by his peers for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#)® in Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Antitrust Law, Education Law (1993-2018); Greensboro "Lawyer of the Year" for Antitrust Law (2015)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "[Legal Elite](#)" in Litigation (2002-2003, 2005, 2007), and Antitrust and Trade Law (2002-2003); also permanently recognized in the "Legal Elite Hall of Fame" for Litigation

Recognized in [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#) (Thomson Reuters) in Business Litigation (2006-2018); Top 100 Lawyers (2006-2017); Top 10 Lawyers (2006-2009, 2011-2013)

Recognized in [Super Lawyers Business Edition](#) for Business Litigation (2015)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in [Benchmark Litigation](#) for Antitrust, General Commercial and Securities (2016-2018)

Recognized by [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#) for Litigation: General Commercial (2004-2018), Antitrust Law (2008-2014) and as a star individual in Litigation (2007); also named a "Senior Statesman" in Antitrust Law

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chair (2009-2012) and Member (2002-present), Board of Trustees, [Wake Forest University](#)

Board Member, [Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center](#) (2012 – present)

Board Member, [Wake Forest University Health Sciences](#) (2008 – present)

Chair (2007-2009), and Member, Board of Directors (2004-2010), [Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro](#)

Member, Board of Trustees, [Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina](#) (1997-2001, 2006-2011)

Chair, NC State Committee of [American College of Trial Lawyers](#) (2002-04)

Member, [American College of Trial Lawyers](#) (1989-present)

Board of Managers, [Verger Capital Management](#) (2014-present)

Brooks Pierce Attorneys, Practice Areas Earn Top Rankings from Chambers USA, May 26, 2017

Henry Frye Honored with Portrait in Justice Building, December 11, 2015

Attorney Jim Williams Receives Distinguished Service Award from Greensboro Bar, May 5, 2014

Williams Named Distinguished Alumnus by Wake Forest University, April 17, 2014

Jim Williams Receives Highest Award from State Bar, November 30, 2012

Jury Awards Brooks Pierce's Clients Over \$6 Million in Condemnation Case, October 14, 2012

Jim Williams Receives Advocate's Award, June 25, 2010

Williams Named Lawyer of the Year, February 13, 2009

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Williams Admitted to International Academy of Trial Lawyers, May 1, 2008