

# Wade H. Hargrove

Partner



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Wade H. Hargrove is a nationally-known corporate and media attorney. He represents some of the nation's largest media companies and national and state trade associations on corporate, transactional, regulatory, copyright, and public policy issues, and has testified before numerous Congressional and state legislative hearings. He appears regularly before the FCC and in federal and state courts.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Corporate  
› Antitrust  
› Mergers & Acquisitions  
Governmental Relations & Public Policy  
Intellectual Property  
Media and Publishing  
Utilities

#### INDUSTRIES

Banking, Investment & Financial Services  
Film & Television  
Media, Publishing, & Communications  
Technology  
Trade Organizations  
Utilities

#### EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law  
J.D., Alumni Scholar  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
A.B., with honors; Jefferson Foundation Scholar

#### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia  
North Carolina  
US Supreme Court  
US Court of Appeals  
2nd Circuit  
4th Circuit  
11th Circuit  
D.C. Circuit  
US District Court - North Carolina  
Western District  
Middle District  
Eastern District



## MY PRACTICE

### COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

Wade represents a number of the nation's largest corporations, media companies, and national and state trade associations on a variety of issues. His focus is on corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, FCC regulatory issues, contracts, antitrust, copyright issues, compliance, libel and slander, privacy, and legal issues involving the Internet and new digital technologies. He has been asked to testify before numerous Congressional and legislative committees on issues involving corporate law, copyright law, the Internet, satellite broadcasting, open government, libel and slander, political broadcasting, broadcast license renewal, cable television, and public utility law. He appears regularly before the Federal Communications Commission and other government regulatory agencies, as well as federal and state courts, and state and national legislative bodies.

His regular clients include radio and television broadcast stations, cable television companies, newspapers, Internet and new technology companies, telephone companies, public utilities, financial institutions, and national and state trade associations.

### PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wade has vast experience in speaking to and shaping government policy, specifically as it relates to the media industry. He has been asked to testify before numerous Congressional and legislative committees on issues involving corporate law, copyright law, the Internet, satellite broadcasting, open government, libel and slander, political broadcasting, broadcast license renewal, cable television, and public utility law. He appears regularly before the Federal Communications Commission and other government regulatory agencies, as well as federal and state courts.

Wade was Special Counsel to the United States Government for treaty negotiations in Geneva on direct satellite-to-home broadcasting.

## HONORS

Named by *The National Law Journal* as one of the nation's 10 leading media/ telecommunications lawyers

Named by *TV NewsCheck* as one of the nation's top 5 media lawyers

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" in Business Law (2014)

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Communications Law, First Amendment Law, Copyright Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Media Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law

Recognized in *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters) in Communications Law (2007-2011)

Listed in Who's Who in America and Preeminent Lawyers of America, Top Rated Lawyer

Awarded the University of North Carolina Law School's Distinguished Alumnus Award

Honored by the Broadcasters Foundation of America with the Ward L. Quaal Award in recognition of leadership of and contributions to the media industry and public service to his state and community

Honored by the University of North Carolina, media clients and friends by establishment of the "Wade H. Hargrove Colloquium in Media Law and Policy" at the University of North Carolina

Honored by the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters with establishment of the "Wade H. Hargrove Community Service Award" given to North Carolina broadcasters who have demonstrated an abiding commitment to public service in their communities

Inducted into the Order of the Golden Fleece by the University of North Carolina

Awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the State of North Carolina's highest award for public service

Inducted in the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame

Recipient, North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Distinguished Service Award

Recipient, North Carolina Cable Telecommunications Distinguished Service Award

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chairman, Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina

Chairman, North Carolina Security and Privacy Board

Chairman, North Carolina News Media-Administration of Justice Council

Member, Governor's Council on State Goals and Policy

Chairman, Board of Commissioners, North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications

Member, Governor's Telecommunications Policy Task Force

Member, Legislative Study Commission on Open Government

Chairman, Board of Directors of the University of North Carolina Foundation

Member, Board of Visitors, University of North Carolina

Member, Board of Directors, North Carolina Citizens for Business & Industry

Member, Board of Directors, University of North Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Chairman, The North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research

Chairman, Raleigh Board of Directors, First Union National Bank

Member, Board of Editors, Federal Communications Bar Journal

Member, Board of Directors, Alumni Association, University of North Carolina School of Law

President, Alumni Association, University of North Carolina School of Law

Member, Center for Media Law Advisory Board, University of North Carolina

Member, Board of Directors, Alumni Association, University of North Carolina

President, University of North Carolina School of Law Foundation

Member, Board of Trustees, Peace College

Member, Raleigh Committee of 100

Member, Board of Trustees and General Counsel, Broadcasters Foundation of America

Member, Board of Directors, Cardinal Club

Eighteen Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Speak at the 2016 Festival of Legal Learning, February 2, 2016

David Cohen of Comcast, Keynote Speaker at the 2015 Wade H. Hargrove Media Colloquium, March 25, 2015

C-SPAN Rolls-Out National Cablecast of the Inaugural Wade H. Hargrove Communications Law and Policy Colloquium, January 16, 2014

Wade Hargrove Named One of Nation's Top Media Lawyers, February 7, 2013

Brooks Pierce partner recognized in national television industry publication [Read more](#)

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

Hargrove Receives UNC Distinguished Alumni Award, October 19, 2011

Hargrove Elected to Chair UNC Board of Trustees, July 28, 2011

Hargrove Honored by Broadcasters Foundation of America, April 23, 2010

Establishment of "Wade H. Hargrove Communications Law and Policy Colloquium" at UNC, October 29, 2009

Wade Hargrove Elected to UNC Board of Trustees, July 1, 2009

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Wade Hargrove Addresses International Audience on Television Regulations, October 3, 2016