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Craig Schauer helps clients identify and solve a wide variety of legal problems, ranging from small legal questions to large constitutional lawsuits. He assists clients in resolving issues with contractual disputes, franchise and distributor relationships, unfair competition, mergers and acquisitions, and government regulations. Craig also works with clients on questions concerning permissible political activity, election laws, and First Amendment rights.

MY PRACTICE

COMPLEX LITIGATION

Craig works with clients to resolve their most important legal disputes. Depending on the situation, his approach spans from collaborating with the other side on a pre-trial resolution to zealously pursuing justice through the courts. Craig has represented businesses of all sizes in state and federal courts and various regulatory agencies in disputes regarding antitrust law, unfair and deceptive trade practices claims, non-competition agreements, subpoenas, and other related issues. He has worked with clients in a variety of sectors, including healthcare, construction,

PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Corporate
› Franchise
Election & Ethics Law
Litigation
› Complex Business Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Accounting & Professional Services
Health Care
Not-for-Profits
Utilities

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law
J.D., 2010, *magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Managing Editor of *Law and Contemporary Problems*, DeHoff/Arnold Endowed Law Scholar
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
B.A., 2005, with distinction, Chairman of Honor Court

CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to Associate Justice Paul M. Newby, Supreme Court of North Carolina, 2010-2011
Law Clerk to James C. Dever III, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 2011-2012

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina
US Court of Appeals
4th Circuit
US District Court - North Carolina
Western District
Middle District
Eastern District

professional sports leagues, franchises, automobile dealerships, nonprofit, financial services, and local and state government.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS AND DISPUTES

Craig works with both franchisees and franchisors in negotiating, drafting, and litigating franchise agreements and related intellectual property rights. He advises franchisees by reviewing business agreements and resolving disputes with franchisors and vendors, whether in or out of the courtroom. He also assists franchisors with organizing their businesses as franchises and preparing franchising agreements and related disclosures.

ELECTION LAW AND FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Craig helps clients confidently express their political voice by ensuring that their political conduct complies with the law. He advises corporations on how to form entities that will be politically active, either directly or indirectly, and helps craft company policies on political activity and lobbying practices. He represents clients before the Board of Elections in regulatory proceedings and confidential investigations. He also assists local and state governments in ensuring compliance with federal and state elections law, including the Voting Rights Act and other constitutional requirements.

Craig not only assists clients with political activity, but also helps them navigate other free speech and First Amendment issues within the public sphere.

HONORS

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "[Legal Elite](#)" in the Young Guns category (2019)

Recognized by *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters) as a "Rising Star" in Civil Rights Law (2018); Business Litigation (2019)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Ruling Elder, [Midtown Community Church](#) (2015-present)

Board of Directors, [Greater-Raleigh Young Life](#) Committee (2011-present)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Craig Schauer to Address N.C. Sheriff Chaplains Association on Free Speech Rights, September 18, 2015

Craig Schauer to Speak to NC State University Students on Free Speech Rights, September 18, 2015