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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law

J.D., 1983, With honors, Order of the Coif, Note and Comment Editor, *North Carolina Law Review*, 1982-83

Union College
B.A., 1980, With honors

CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to the Honorable Frank W. Bullock, U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1983-1984

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

MY PRACTICE

ABOUT MACK

Mack was born and grew up in New York, and graduated from Union College in Schenectady, New York, with honors in Political Science and Psychology. He received his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with honors, in 1983. He was an editor of the *North Carolina Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

After graduation from law school, Mack was law clerk to Judge Frank W. Bullock, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, from 1983-84. He has also served as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of North Carolina School of Law, and on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Southeast Regional. He currently serves on the Local Rules Committee of the Middle District of North Carolina, and is also a Permanent Member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Mack is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and he writes a widely read blog about business litigation in North Carolina, the [North Carolina Business Litigation Report](#).

Mack Sperling is currently on leave.

PUBLISHED CASES

Employment discrimination (*Thomas v. Freeway Foods, Inc.*, 2006 WL 5411290 (M.D.N.C. 2006); *Allen v. Center for Creative Leadership*, 2006 WL 1743285 (M.D.N.C. 2006); *Dalton v. Avis Rent a Car System*, 336 F.Supp.2d 534 (M.D.N.C. 2004); *Farlow v. Wachovia Bank of N.C., N.A.*, 259 F.3d 309 (4th Cir. 2001); *Caldwell v. Norfolk Southern Ry. Co.*, 175 F.3d 1013 (4th Cir. 1999));

Securities litigation (*Krim v. Coastal Physician Group, Inc.*, 81 F.Supp.2d 621 (M.D.N.C. 1998)); Intellectual property matters (*Lyons Partnership LP v. Morris Costumes, Inc.*, 243 F.3d 789 (4th Cir. 2001); *Baldine v. Furniture Comfort Corp.*, 956 F. Supp. 580 (M.D.N.C. 1996));

Minority shareholder disputes (*Chemcraft Holdings Corp. v. Shayban*, 2006 NCBC 13 (2006); *Cabaniss v. Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc.*, 170 N.C. App. 180, 611 S.E.2d 878 (2005));

Mergers of publicly traded companies (*Marcoux v. Prim*, 2004 NCBC 5; *In re Wachovia Shareholders' Litigation*, 2003 NCBC 10));

Breach of a sponsorship contract for a league of professional athletes (*Pro Billiards Tour Association, Inc. v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 187 F.R.D. 229 (M.D.N.C. 1999));

Aviation maintenance (*Westar Air Cargo of Texas, Inc. v. Weststar Express Air Cargo, Inc.*, 2007 WL 1381617 (D. Ariz. 2007));

Class action litigation (*Scarvey v. First Federal Savings & Loan Association*, 552 S.E.2d 655 (2001); *DeLoach v. Lorillard Tobacco Co.*, 391 F.3d 551 (4th Cir. 2004));

Bankruptcy appeals (*In re Baltimore Emergency Services IL Corp.*, 432 F.3d 557 (4th Cir. 2005));

Insurance coverage matters (*Cline v. General American Life Ins. Co.*, 53 F.3d 328 (4th Cir. 1995));

Arbitration matters (*Remmey v. PaineWebber, Inc.*, 32 F.3d 143 (4th Cir. 1994); and

Breach of contract matters (*Sutton Woodworking Machine Co. v. DKLS, Inc.*, 113 N.C. App. 649, 439 S.E.2d 806 (1994); *Ace, Inc. v. Maynard*, 108 N.C. App. 241, 423 S.E.2d 504 (1982)).

HONORS

Selected by his peers for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#)® in Commercial Litigation (2003-2020)

Recognized in [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#) (Thomson Reuters) in Business Litigation (2007-2019); Top 100 (2008-2010)

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

Recognized by [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#) for Litigation (2007-2011)

Recognized by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite"* in Litigation (2005-2006, 2008, 2010)

Recognized in Charlotte Magazine as a "Top 100 North Carolina Super Lawyer"; recognized in the Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Past president of the Board of Trustees of B'nai Shalom Day School from 2002-2004

Past member of the Board of the Greensboro Jewish Foundation

Past member of the North Carolina General Statutes Commission

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Author, [North Carolina Business Litigation Report](#)

Three Brooks Pierce Attorneys Named to the North Carolina Lawyers Weekly Hall of Fame, June 27, 2018

Mack Sperling Quoted on Partnership Agreements in North Carolina Lawyers Weekly, August 18, 2016

Mack Sperling Admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers, October 19, 2009

Brooks Pierce Launches North Carolina Business Litigation Report, April 1, 2008

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Sperling Teaches at NITA Southeast Regional, May 1, 2008