

G. Wade Leach

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“The right answers for my clients can come from anywhere, which is why I use creativity, strategic thinking, and teamwork to find them everywhere.”

Wade Leach practices in the firm’s Commercial Litigation practice group. He serves as a commercial and construction litigator, and his practice spans throughout the Carolinas. He works regularly with clients across several industries and sectors, including financial services, white-collar defense, construction, business and commercial disputes, labor and employment, and government investigations. Wade handles cases at both the trial and appellate level, and from that, he understands the importance of building a strong record as soon as litigation commences.

For Wade, each client has unique needs, and he works closely with clients to develop a strategy tailored to meet those needs. For some clients, this may include an aggressive litigation strategy designed to bring an efficient resolution to a dispute; for others, it may require a carefully-managed campaign to limit negative fallout or collateral damage. He recognizes where clients have positive leverage, seeking to use that towards a favorable result, and mitigates against worst-case scenarios by collaborating with the client and other attorneys to define core objectives and push towards them.

Outside the office, Wade is an avid golfer and serves as a volunteer baseball coach for the varsity team at Charlotte Country Day School and an assistant coach for the Queen City Mustangs, Charlotte’s American Legion Baseball team.

Wade earned his J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law and his B.A. in Political Science from Davidson College. Before joining Burr & Forman, Wade clerked for The Honorable

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CAPABILITIES

Commercial Litigation

White Collar Crime

Government Investigations

Construction & Project Development

Employment Litigation

Non-Compete & Trade Secrets

EDUCATION

J.D., *with honors*, University of North Carolina School of Law (2019)

B.A., *cum laude with honors in Political Science*, Davidson College (2016)

LICENSED IN

North Carolina

South Carolina

ADMITTED IN

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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Frank D. Whitney, United States District Court Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. Prior to his clerkship, Wade also interned with Judge Whitney and the Honorable Paul M. Newby of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Experience

- Represented financial institution in compliance with a subpoena to testify in federal criminal trial.
- Assisted in representation of healthcare provider facing federal investigation.
- Defended media company in dispute in federal court arising out of alleged claim for defamation.
- Represented client as first-chair counsel in bench trial arising out of contract dispute.
- Defended financial institution in federal bankruptcy adversarial proceeding related to alleged unfair trade practices.
- Represented developer and general contractor in dispute with subcontractor regarding allegedly defective work at residential development.
- Represented members of a limited liability company in their withdrawal from the company and subsequent creation of new business entity in the healthcare space.

Honors & Recognition

- Executive Editor, *North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology*, Volume 20

News

- Burr & Forman Expands with the Addition of Three Associates in Alabama and South Carolina
Firm News, 10.30.2020

Articles

- A "Clean" Start to 2021: Changes to Federal Anti-Money Laundering Laws
Articles / Publications, 02.12.2021

U.S. District Court - Western District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court - Middle District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court - South Carolina

U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Western District of North Carolina

U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. Bankruptcy Court - South Carolina

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Civic Activities

- Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Charlotte Country Day School
- Assistant Baseball Coach, Queen City Mustangs (American Legion)

Professional Activities

- South Carolina Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar
- Richland County Bar Association