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Philip is a civil litigator representing his client's rights and interests in the State and Federal courtrooms of North Carolina. Early in his career, Philip exclusively defended his clients against civil claims for personal injuries, commercial construction defects, premises liability and other recognized claims. Over the years, he has broadened his practice to representing clients across a broad spectrum of business torts including: contract disputes, materialman liens, collection and eminent domain. He defends and assists businesses who are summoned to appear in front of government agencies, such as the Employment Security Commission of NC and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Further, Philip now helps individuals who have been hurt or, oftentimes, the families of one who was killed by the wrongful acts of another. With his experience, Philip brings a balanced approach to counseling a client to fully weigh their options throughout the entire legal process. At trial, he aggressively fights for his client's rights taking to heart that trial is his client's "day in court."

Philip was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania but soon moved with his family to Cary, North Carolina while he was still in elementary school. After graduating from Cary Senior High School, Philip attended North Carolina State University. In 1991, he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science in Zoology, graduating Cum Laude. After graduation, Philip worked for several years before continuing his studies. He decided to pursue a law degree at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. At Campbell, Philip confirmed his

interest in trial work as he was selected to represent his school as a member of the National Trial Team and selected for membership in The Order of Barristers. After being awarded his Juris Doctor in 1997, Philip established his practice at first in Raleigh and since 2003, in Cary, North Carolina. Philip envisioned a career as a lawyer helping people as well as small and big businesses alike in his hometown.

Philip's parents instilled in him the need to be connected to your community. While working towards, and ultimately attaining, the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts, Philip dedicated himself to the ideal of giving back to his community at large. Seeing the difference his mother and mother-in-law made as teachers in the Wake County School system, Philip devotes a large portion of his free time as a guest-teacher in Wake County elementary, middle and high schools educating young minds on constitutional principles and introducing them to our country's legal system. His favorite lesson is working with students on a mock trial putting the Big Bad Wolf on trial for his role in harming the Three Little Pigs. Recently, he has partnered with the Law-Related Education Advisory (LREA) Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association's Foundation in bringing his Big Bad Wolf lesson to a wider audience to reach all of North Carolina students. He firmly believes this program will make law-related education interesting, meaningful and fun for students. When Philip is not at work or teaching, he is volunteering at the Brown Bag Ministries which provides simple bag meals and basic necessities to those in need, homeless or otherwise. Also, Philip enjoys teaching Sunday school as a member of the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church. Last, Philip believes the greatest area of his time is being the best dad to his three children and husband to his wife.

Bar Admissions

North Carolina, 1997; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1999; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 1999; U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 2000

Education

North Carolina State University (B.S., cum laude, 1991); Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law (J.D., 1997)

Involvement

Order of the Barristers; Member, National Trial Team; Y-Guide/Princess program Capital Area YMCA; Adjunct Volunteer Instructor, Wake County Schools - Elementary through High School Levels (Introduction to Constitution through Goldilocks and Big Bad Wolf Mock Trials)