

David W. Hood, Partnership Chair of the Firm, is a trial attorney in a wide-ranging civil practice with over 200 jury trials to his credit. His concentrations include Business Disputes, Construction Law, Personal Injury and Collections. He is also a certified mediator, helping to settle cases pending in both state and federal court. He recently finished his term as President of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, the organization for lawyers representing business interests in civil litigation. Mr. Hood has spoken to lawyers and industry groups on such topics as evidence rules, contractor liens on real estate and contract funds, underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage, litigation ethics, and real estate claims. He has also written for legal and industry publications on various subjects including trial tactics, use of local rules in litigation, and contribution claims among defendants. Mr. Hood and his wife, Sandi, reside in Hickory. Sandi serves as the pastor of Peace United Church of Christ, in Hickory. Their son, Wilson, is a Harvard Divinity School graduate who serves as a hospice chaplain in Providence, Rhode Island, while their daughter, Callie, received her PhD in Astrophysics at the University of California, Santa Cruz and recently began work as a data analysis professional in Baltimore, Maryland.

Education

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – B.A. 1988
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – J.D. 1991 with honors

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient of American Jurisprudence Awards for Top Grade in the class, in the subjects of Torts, Business Associations, Constitutional Law, Probate, Criminal Procedure, Income Taxation and Trial Advocacy
- Staff member of the North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation
- Associate Justice of the Holderness Moot Court Bench

Admissions/Memberships

ADMISSIONS/APPEARANCES

- North Carolina State Courts – Trial Courts, Business Court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court Cherokee Tribal Court
- North Carolina Federal Courts – Western, Middle and Eastern Districts
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court – Western District of North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Western NC Chapter
- North Carolina Bar Association – Insurance Law (Council Member), Litigation and Construction Sections,
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys – Past President, Past General Liability Practice Group chair, Past Board Member
- Catawba County Bar Association and Thirty-Sixth Judicial District Bar Association (Past President of each)
- Insurance Law Section Council for the North Carolina Bar Association