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Alan Duncan gives of himself to clients, to our profession and to our community. He is a great counselor and advocate to his clients. He serves tirelessly as Chairman of the Guilford County Board of Education. He is actively serving as the Immediate Past President of the North Carolina Bar Association. Alan not only holds those positions, he serves with tremendous dedication and effect. But he would be unlikely to discuss his many achievements. Among things that Alan holds dear is the requirement to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly. Alan walks with great humility and never calls attention to himself. He builds great things, even when no one sees.

With more than 30 years of litigation experience, Alan has done everything in a courtroom. He has represented both businesses and individuals in complex and meaningful matters in most every subject matter. Regardless of the type of case or the type of client, from the largest business to a pro bono matter, Alan always remembers that each case, regardless of size, is the most important to that client.

Alan has achieved significant distinctions in his profession and his community. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is recognized as one of the “Top 100” lawyers by North Carolina Super Lawyers. The Best Lawyers in America (Woodward/White Inc.) lists Alan in eight categories, including Bet-the-Company litigation. He was awarded in 2008 the J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellency, the highest honor given to a member by the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. In 2011, the Litigation Section of the North Carolina Bar Association awarded to Alan the Advocate’s Award, which is its highest honor. In 2012 and in recognition of his leadership and commitment to community, Alan received the “Unsung Hero” award from the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation. He has received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award for community service twice—once when graduating from Davidson College in 1976 and again from Guilford College in 2005. He was part of the inaugural group recognized by the North Carolina Bar Association with its Citizen Lawyer Award in 2007.

 Education, Academic Honors & Admissions

Education


J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School, 1979
A.B., cum laude, Davidson College, 1976

Academic Honors

Phi Beta Kappa
Executive Editor, Vanderbilt Law Review

Admissions

North Carolina, 1979
United States District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1979
United States District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 1980
United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 1980
United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1983
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1998
United States Court of Appeals, DC Circuit, 1989
United States Supreme Court, 1984

 Professional Memberships & Leadership

Immediate Past President, North Carolina Bar Association
Present Member, Board of Governors, North Carolina Bar Association
Past President, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
Past Chair, Litigation Section of the North Carolina Bar Association
American Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Section
American Bar Association Antitrust Law Section
American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space Law
American Bar Association Franchise Law Section
American Bar Association Litigation Section
Defense Research Institute
Greensboro Bar Association

“With admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees.”
- Dedication to the unsung craftsmen who built the grand cathedrals of Europe

 Achievements

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
NCBA Litigation Section Advocate Award, 2011
The North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys' J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence, 2008

Listed, The Best Lawyers in America® (Woodward/White, Inc.), Commercial Litigation, First Amendment Law, Personal Injury Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Medical Malpractice Law, Litigation-Intellectual Property (2012), Litigation-Municipal (2012), Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants (2012)

North Carolina Super Lawyers, Listed Business Litigation, and as one of the "Top 100" attorneys in North Carolina (2006-2014)

Business North Carolina's Legal Elite, Business Law (2003), Litigation (2002-2004, 2006-2008, 2010, 2013, 2014) Antitrust Law (2011-2013), Intellectual Property Law (2011)

Recognized by Chambers and Partners, USA, as one of North Carolina Leaders, Litigation, 2006-2009, General Commercial Litigation, 2010-2012, 2014

Selected by his peers as Greensboro Best Lawyers Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year (Copyright 2009 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.), 2010

Selected by his peers as Greensboro Best Lawyers Medical Malpractice Law Lawyer of the Year (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.), 2012, 2014

NCBA Centennial Award for Service, 2009

Martindale-Hubbell's top ("AV") Peer Review Rating *

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 Civic & Community Service

Chairman, Guilford County Board of Education
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from Davidson College, 1976
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from Guilford College, 2005
NCBA Citizen Lawyer Award, 2007
The Joseph M. Bryan Foundation "Unsung Hero" 2012

 Recent Presentations & Speaking Engagements

Ethics on Trial, Greensboro Bar Association CLE, February 2014

The John Edwards Trial, North Carolina Bar Association CLE, May 2013

Ethics in Pre-Trial Procedure, North Carolina Bar Association CLE, February 2013 Guilford County

The John Edwards Trial and More, Charlotte Bar Association, January 2013

Inside the John Edwards Trial, Greensboro Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys CLE, November 2012

Alan also speaks regularly to community groups and professional groups in his roles with the Guilford County School Board and the North Carolina Bar Association