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People like to spend time with Cooper Harrell. Not only is Cooper a great advocate for his clients, he is a really good person. He is personable, interesting, and interested in others. We suspect that jurors love him. Cooper pairs these positive attributes with consistently great work. Cooper is an excellent writer with a quick mind and innovative ideas. He also is nimble on his feet when advocating for his clients in court. Cooper's total experience includes cases before North Carolina's state courts, the North Carolina Business Court, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina.

In addition to his trial work, Cooper is an accomplished appellate lawyer. Cooper has written briefs in the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court, as well as in the federal appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Often stepping in at the appellate stage, Cooper's appellate matters have spanned the scope of topics and legal issues.

Cooper engages with the community by supporting and working with numerous organizations. For example, over the years Cooper has worked with the Greensboro Future Fund, the United Way and the United Arts Council. He also is active in the North Carolina Bar Association, currently serving in the leadership group for the Litigation Section.

 Education, Academic Honors & Admissions

Education

J.D., with honors, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2001

B.A., with highest distinction, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1997

Academic Honors

Member, North Carolina Law Review

Order of the Coif, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Gressman-Pollitt Award for Appellate Advocacy

Phi Beta Kappa, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society

Golden Key International Honour Society

Admissions


United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2006

United States District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 2004

United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 2004

United States District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 2001

North Carolina, 2001

 Professional Memberships & Leadership

American Bar Association

North Carolina Bar Association

Greensboro Bar Association

NCBA Litigation Section Council, 2008-present

NCBA Litigation Section Vice Chair, 2014-present

NCBA Section Council, Secretary, 2013-2014

NCBA Litigation Section Treasurer, 2012-2013

NCBA Litigation Section Advocate's Award Committee Chair, 2009-present

NCBA Litigation Section CLE Committee Chair, 2007-2008

NCBA Litigation Section CLE Committee Vice Chair, 2006-2007

Defense Research Institute Appellate Advocacy Membership Vice Chair, 2012-2013

Greensboro Bar Association, Board Member for Young Lawyers Section, 2005-2008

Guilford Inn of Court

"If everyone is thinking alike,
then no one is thinking." –
Benjamin Franklin

 Achievements

North Carolina Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition, Listed General Litigation (2010, 2014), Business Litigation (2011-2013)
Business North Carolina's Legal Elite, Young Guns (2014)
Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under Forty (2011), awarded to the Triad's outstanding young business and community leaders

 Civic & Community Service

Leadership Greensboro, Class of 2009
Future Fund Member (philanthropic organization dedicated to bettering the Greensboro community)
Elon University School of Law Preceptor for the Inaugural Class
United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro Prelude Society Steering Committee Member
Greensboro Opera Company, Board of Directors
Active Member, First Baptist Church, Greensboro

 Judicial Clerkship

Clerkship, Judge James A. Beaty, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, 2001-2002

 Publications

Co-authored North Carolina chapter of the ABA's Appellate Practice Compendium (Dana Livingston, ed., ABA 2012)

The Carlsbad Exception to an "Unappealing" Rule: The Supreme Court's Ongoing Struggle with Appellate Review of Remand Orders, The International Association of Defense Counsel Appellate Practice Newsletter (Nov. 2009)

The Brave New World of the North Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure, The Litigator, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Oct. 2009)

Have a Little Faith - Just Not the "Bad" Kind, The Litigator, Vol. 28, No. 3 (July 2008)

 Recent Presentations & Speaking Engagements

North Carolina Appellate Practice: Preserving Issues/Avoiding Missteps/Perfecting Your Appeal, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Young Lawyers Section, CLE Speaker, July 2012

Litigating Disputes Relating to Closely Held Corporations in the Business Court, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Commercial Law Section, CLE Speaker, June 2010

Effective Appeals from Experienced Advocates: A Review of North Carolina Appellate Practice, CLE Course Planner & Speaker, February 2010

E-Discovery: Give & Take, CLE Speaker, April 2009

Advanced Litigation Strategies for Trial and Beyond: Avoiding Common Pitfalls and Coming Out on Top, CLE Course Planner, April 2008

North Carolina and Foreign Judgments, CLE Speaker, February 2008