



Donald R. Pocock

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Donald Pocock is an accomplished litigator whose practice spans a broad spectrum of complex disputes and high-stakes matters.

Donald Pocock has dedicated his career to providing persuasive and effective advocacy for clients facing complex commercial and construction disputes. He is a seasoned litigator with extensive trial and appellate experience in the areas of business litigation, construction law, creditors' rights and insolvency litigation, and financial services litigation. Mr. Pocock has appeared in state and federal courts across the eastern United States and has appeared in arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association, National Arbitration Forum, JAMS, and The Arbitration Forum. Mr. Pocock further has an established record of success in appellate advocacy before the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of North Carolina, Supreme Court of Virginia, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Pocock has represented a diverse array of businesses in resolving commercial contract issues, protecting trade secrets, and navigating employment noncompetition agreements.

In the construction arena, Mr. Pocock advocates for general contractors and subcontractors on both public, bonded projects and private, nonbonded work, bringing deep experience to every phase of construction litigation. He has also defended architects and engineers in design defect cases and other professional responsibility matters.

His financial services litigation experience is extensive. He has represented banks and non-bank financial institutions in consumer lending disputes, including Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA), and Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) matters, as well as lien avoidance actions in bankruptcy. He also advises lenders and special servicers in commercial secured lending disputes.

Mr. Pocock is adept at managing complex litigation, including class action defense, and has overseen cases across multiple states, such as South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Texas. His commercial litigation practice encompasses both traditional courtroom advocacy and alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration and mediation, ensuring clients receive strategic guidance tailored to their unique needs.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] for Construction Law and Commercial Litigation (2020 – 2026)
- Recognized as "Legal Elite" for Construction Law by *Business North Carolina* (2024 – 2026)
- Member – North Carolina Bar Association (2000 – present)
 - Judicial Independence and Integrity Committee (2020 – present)
 - Litigation Section (2000 – present), Chair (2023 – 2024), Leadership Council (2017 – 2020), Civil Practice Committee (2015 – 2017)
 - Construction Section (2002 – present)
 - Administration of Justice Committee (2011 – 2013)
 - Law School Liaison Committee (2005 – 2007)
 - AIA/NC Bar Construction Liaison Committee (2005)
 - Lawyers in the Schools Committee (2001 – 2003)

- Director – The North Carolina Creditors Bar Association (2023 – present)
- Wake Forest University Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Student Member (1997 – 2000), Barrister (2002 – 2005), Master of the Bench (2017 – present)
- Member – American Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Selected to Super Lawyers (2025 – 2026)
- North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center (2019)
- *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly*, Leaders in Law (2019)
- Listed in "40 Under 40" by *Triad Business Journal* (2011)
- Former member – The Little Theater of Winston-Salem, Inc. Board of Directors (2012 – 2017), President (2015 – 2016)
- Former member – Rotary Club of Stratford, Board of Directors and Officer (2010 – 2014)
- Member – Wake Forest University Department of Theatre Jordan Theatre Scholarship Committee (2002 – 2020)



Education

- Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D., 2000
- Wake Forest University, B.A., 1997



Admissions

- North Carolina
- Virginia
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina