

## G. Wade Leach

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*“Consistency, candor, and creativity are the hallmark qualities of a high-stakes litigator. I take immense pride in utilizing these skills to help clients find the best answers to complex disputes, whether it’s during pre-litigation counseling, at trial, or on final appeal.”*

Wade is a litigator with the firm’s General Commercial Litigation group, and his practice spans from the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina to the Lowcountry of South Carolina. He works regularly with clients across several industries and sectors, including white collar defense, government investigations, construction, appellate, commercial disputes, labor and employment, and financial services.

With first-chair jury trial and bench trial experience, as well as appellate litigation experience before state and federal courts of appeal, Wade understands how critical it is to create a strong record from the commencement of litigation, and even prior to that time.

Wade recognizes that each client has unique needs, and he works closely with clients to develop a strategy tailored to meet those requirements. For some clients, this may include an aggressive litigation strategy designed to bring an efficient resolution to a dispute; for others, it may require a carefully-managed campaign to limit negative fallout or collateral damage. Wade understands that consistency creates results. Whether it’s a relatively small monetary dispute or bet-the-business litigation, Wade’s consistent and even-keeled approach to problem-solving puts clients first and helps achieve positive outcomes.

Outside the office, Wade is an avid golfer and serves as a volunteer baseball coach at for the varsity team at Charlotte Country Day School and an assistant coach for the Queen City Mustangs,

### PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Legal Practice Assistant

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### CAPABILITIES

Commercial Litigation  
White Collar Crime  
Government Investigations  
Appellate Litigation  
Construction & Project Development  
Employment Litigation  
Non-Compete & Trade Secrets

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of North Carolina  
School of Law

*with honors*

B.A., Davidson College

*cum laude*

### LICENSED IN

North Carolina  
South Carolina

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Charlotte's American Legion Baseball team.

Wade earned his J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law and his B.A. in Political Science from Davidson College. Before joining Burr & Forman, Wade clerked for The Honorable Frank D. Whitney, United States District Court Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

## Experience

- Represented financial institution in compliance with a subpoena to testify in federal criminal trial.
- Assisted in representation of healthcare provider facing federal investigation.
- Assisted in the defense of individual accused of conspiracy to commit tax fraud and unlawful employment of aliens.
- Represented general contractor and developer in contract dispute with subcontractor as first-chair counsel in jury trial.
- Represented individual accused of professional misconduct before professional licensing board after multi-year investigation.
- Defended media company in dispute in federal court arising out of alleged claim for defamation.
- Represented client as first-chair counsel in bench trial arising out of contract dispute.
- Represented members of a limited liability company in their withdrawal from the company and subsequent creation of new business entity in the healthcare space.
- Defended financial institution in federal bankruptcy adversarial proceeding related to alleged unfair trade practices.
- Represented developer and general contractor in dispute with subcontractor regarding allegedly defective work at residential development.

## Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Commercial Litigation (2024), Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2024), Litigation - Construction (2024)
- Executive Editor, *North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology*, Volume 20

## ADMITTED IN

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court - Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court - Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court - South Carolina
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court - South Carolina

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## News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"  
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Burr & Forman Expands with the Addition of Three Associates in Alabama and South Carolina  
Firm News, 10.30.2020

## Articles

- A "Clean" Start to 2021: Changes to Federal Anti-Money Laundering Laws  
Articles / Publications, 02.12.2021

## Civic Activities

- Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Charlotte Country Day School
- Assistant Baseball Coach, Queen City Mustangs (American Legion)

## Professional Activities

- South Carolina Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar
- Richland County Bar Association