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Services

Complex Commercial Litigation

Litigation

Whitney Pakalka focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Whitney served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Michael L. Robinson in the North Carolina Business Court where she conducted research, attended hearings, drafted orders and opinions, and communicated with counsel regarding case administration.

While attending Wake Forest University School of Law, Whitney was a judicial intern to the Honorable Catherine C. Eagles in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. Also while attending law school, Whitney served as Executive Editor of the *Wake Forest Law Review*, a Career and Professional Development teaching assistant, a research assistant for Professor Wilson Parker, and a participant in the Innocence and Justice Clinic. In May 2017, Whitney received the I. Beverly Lake Award for greatest proficiency in the study of constitutional law and the North Carolina Advocates for Justice Most Outstanding Advocate Award.

Prior to attending the University of Colorado, Whitney studied abroad at the University of Granada in Granada, Spain in June 2004.

Whitney was recognized as a North Carolina "Rising Star" in 2022 and 2023 for Business Litigation by *Super Lawyers* magazine. She was named as one of *Business North Carolina* magazine's "Young Guns" in 2022.

Whitney has a basic knowledge of Spanish.

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. (2017) *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, CALI Awards, Pro Bono Honor Society

University of Colorado B.A. (2008) Spanish Language and Literature

Admissions

North Carolina (2017)



Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (2019)

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina (2019)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (2019)

Clerkships

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Professional & Community Activities

The Historic Bethabara Park, Board of Trustees, Member

Charleston Trident Fishing Tournament, Outstanding Lady Angler-Offshore (January 2015)

Insights

[News Releases](#)

135 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Super Lawyers

December 15, 2022

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Seven Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to Business North Carolina 2022 "Legal Elite" List

January 7, 2022

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32 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to the 2020 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society

May 18, 2021

[Alert](#)

North Carolina Extends Limited, Civil Immunity to Any Individual or Entity and Extends Immunity for Six Months After the COVID-19 Emergency Ends

July 3, 2020

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36 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to the 2019 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society

May 28, 2020