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Practices

Business Disputes
Real Estate Law
Real Estate Litigation
Land Use and Zoning
Litigation
Appellate

Industries

Telecommunication Towers
Real Estate

Education

- Wake Forest University, J.D., 1992, member of the *Wake Forest Law Review*
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S. in Business Administration, 1987

Admissions

- North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North

Dave Pokela is experienced and widely respected for his background in real estate litigation, land use litigation, and commercial litigation. He litigates and resolves disputes from the mountains to the coast, and he regularly relies upon his 20-plus years of experience to develop creative strategies and solutions in addressing complex real estate and commercial issues.

A History of Getting Things Done

Since joining the firm in 1992, clients have trusted Dave to represent them in hundreds of challenging cases. He regularly represents:

- Major utility companies in connection with real estate and land use disputes
- Companies and individuals in prosecuting and defending claims in the North Carolina Business Court
- Developers against Interstate Land Sales Act and Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practice claims
- Commercial landlords and tenants in complex commercial lease disputes
- Officers and directors against high stakes claims of breach of fiduciary duty

Carolina

- Developers in upholding CAMA permits issued for development on beachfront property
- Major window manufacturers against claims arising from defective construction
- Title insurance companies in connection with coverage disputes and title claims
- Professionals against claims of malpractice
- National companies against asbestos claims being litigated in federal court
- Commercial landlords and developers against ADA claims in federal courts

Dave also obtains rezonings and special or conditional use permits, as well as other local government approvals, across NC on behalf of telecommunications, industrial, and developer clients.

Dave's history of getting things done has earned him recognition as one of North Carolina's top lawyers in his field by several industry ratings systems.

Dave has been named among the *Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of "Litigation – Real Estate" and "Real Estate Law," he has earned the distinction as a North Carolina *Super Lawyer*® for "Real Estate Law," and he also has been named among North Carolina's "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina* magazine.

Dave frequently speaks before industry groups and lawyers on topics related to his practice. He has authored numerous articles in publications and has served in leadership positions for several professional associations.

Recognitions

- Named among North Carolina's "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina* magazine, 2014
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Litigation–Real Estate and Real Estate Law since 2013
- Listed in *Best Layers in America* for "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation–Real Estate in Greensboro, N.C. in 2015 and 2019
- Listed in North Carolina *Super Lawyers*® for Real Estate Law
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence

Community & Professional

- American Bar Association, Real Estate Section and Litigation Section, Former Newsletter Co-Editor, Real Estate Litigation Committee
- North Carolina Bar Association, Former Council Member, Real Property Section Council; Former Council Member, Land Use Section Council; Former Chairman, Real Property Litigation Committee of the Real Property Section Council

News

02.15.2021 | Video

Black History Month Spotlight: Franklin McCain

Insights

05.19.2020

COVID-19 Next Steps: What are Next Steps as Businesses Begin to Re-open Amid the Crisis?

04.27.2020

COVID-19 in North Carolina: Winning the Breach of Contract Fight over Force Majeure, Impossibility and Frustration of Purpose