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### Practices

Construction Services for General Contractors

Construction Services for Subcontractors and Suppliers

Construction Services for Insurers and Sureties

Construction Services for Design Professionals

Construction Services for Owners

Construction Law

Business Disputes

Litigation

### Industries

Credit Unions

Telecommunication Towers

Insurance

Construction

### Education

→ UNC-Chapel Hill Law School, J.D.,  
1980

John Mabe has practiced in Raleigh for his entire career, resolving construction problems for owners, design professionals, general contractors and subcontractors across the Triangle region and state. He resolves disputes involving real estate, development, land use, and commercial law. John is a NCDRC Certified Superior Court Mediator, and accepts assignments to serve as arbitrator. John's passion is problem solving. He says there are usually good solutions to be found, even in strongly contested disputes that require a trial.

He has tried bet-the-farm cases in commercial matters and construction claims. He has arbitrated and tried construction claims and professional negligence matters, land use entitlements, and title claims. He's currently working on public-private partnership projects. He knows the way through administrative reviews and appeals, having helped many contractors and design professionals with issues before their regulatory boards. Lease negotiation and litigation is a natural adjunct to John's work in land use, development, and construction fields. He has extensive experience in lien law. John's representative experience includes business break-ups, insurance and suretyship, wholesale/retail finance, distribution agreements including ABC laws and regulations, and bankruptcy litigation.

He went to college in Chapel Hill, so he couldn't be an engineer, though he's only slightly more carefree than one. He very much enjoys helping people solve problems, so he has a lot in common with design professionals. John earned his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from

- UNC-Chapel Hill, Morehead Scholar, B.A. 1977

## Admissions

- North Carolina State Bar
- U.S. District Court - EDNC, MDNC, WDNC
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Morehead Scholar and his law degree from the University of North Carolina Law School.

## Recognitions

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Construction Law Litigation, Since 2011 and Construction Law from 2003-2010
- Named among *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" for 2009, 2011-2017, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Listed in North Carolina *Super Lawyers*® - Construction Litigation 2006-2017, 2019, 2020
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence
- Member, Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

Visit the websites for *Super Lawyers*, Legal Elite and *Best Lawyers* for more information about the honors and selection methodology.

## Community & Professional

- American Bar Association House of Delegates
- American Bar Association: Litigation Section; Forum on Construction Law
- North Carolina Bar Association - Past member of Board of Governors; Business Section; Past chair of Construction Law Section; Litigation Section
- Wake County Bar Association and Tenth Judicial District Bar - Past President; Board of Directors
- Triangle Access to Justice Campaign - Co-chair; past officer and director of local and state legal aid agencies
- Wake County Citizens Facilities Advisory Committee - Co-Chair
- Wake Education Partnership - Board of Trustees
- North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society - Trustee
- Christ Episcopal Church - Former Vestryman
- City of Raleigh Arts Commission - Past Chair
- NCDRC Certified Superior Court Mediator

Changes Taking Effect to North Carolina Lien and Bond Laws The rules are changing when it comes to North Carolina lien and bond laws. And the new provisions are substantially altering the way in which all parties involved in lien rights –from owners, buyers, and sellers to general contractors, subcontractors, lenders, and title companies – handle construction, sales, and lending for residential and commercial properties.

Construction Law Alert: North Carolina to Enforce Attorney Fees Clauses Construction law attorney, John Mabe, shares insight on the change in North Carolina Legislature regarding contractual provisions calling for the payment of attorney fees not being enforceable in court or arbitration.

## News

01.16.2020 | News from Nexsen Pruet

Brian Anderson and John Mabe Named to 2020 Legal Elite of North Carolina

01.07.2019 | Media Reports

Nexsen Pruet Attorneys Named 2019 Legal Elite of North Carolina

## Insights

10.12.2021 | Article

Document Policies 101

02.28.2020

Developer Beware: Liability for Negligent Development Sequencing