



**Clay practices exclusively in civil litigation**, representing individuals and businesses in a variety of areas, ranging from construction defects and commercial disputes to employment, personal injury, and premises liability matters. He has tried cases in both North Carolina and South Carolina and handled matters in federal court in both states. Clay has also successfully handled appellate matters in the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. .

Clay loves being able to guide his clients through the stressful and often-contentious process of litigation, understanding that for many clients, this is their first time dealing with the court system, opposing parties, and adversarial lawyers. He takes great pride in learning his clients' businesses and needs in order to resolve their legal issues while minimizing the distractions from their lives and interruptions of their work. Clay integrates technology extensively into his practice to deliver maximum results and efficiency while maintaining excellent communication with his clients.

Originally from Salisbury, North Carolina, Clay received his undergraduate degree from UNC and his law degree from the University of Richmond. An avid Carolina fan, you'll find him supporting the Heels year-round. He also loves to take detours during his travels around North and South Carolina to visit barbecue restaurants, both new recommendations and old favorites.

In addition to practicing law, Clay taught Civil Litigation to students in the Paralegal Technology Program at Central Piedmont Community College.

#### Areas of Practice

Business & Employment Law  
Construction Defect  
Civil Litigation

#### Education

University of Richmond, The T.C. Williams School of Law —  
Richmond, Virginia  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill,  
North Carolina

#### Bar Admissions

North Carolina, 2008  
South Carolina, 2010  
U.S. District Court Western District of North Carolina, 2009  
U.S. District Court Middle District of North Carolina, 2009  
U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, 2010  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina,  
pro hac vice, 2009

#### Awards

Super Lawyers Rising Star – Construction Litigation – 2017, 2018

#### Professional Associations & Memberships

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys  
North Carolina Bar  
Mecklenburg County Bar  
Mecklenburg County Bar Leadership Institute – Class of 2016

