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Biography

Christian Ferlan is an Associate in our office in Charlotte, North Carolina. He focuses his practice on the defense of law enforcement agencies as well as general liability, long-term care, and real estate matters.

Christian has gained valuable experience defending local governments, law enforcement officers, and fire departments in a wide variety of cases under federal and state law. Christian has defended cases implicating the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments as well as the North Carolina Constitution, including federal and state appeals. He has also advised local governments on ordinance drafting and legislation. Christian has also represented individuals and long-term care facilities in a wide range of professional negligence and general liability claims in state court and arbitration.

In addition to litigating, Christian has worked with private companies and municipalities on matters involving real estate transactions, zoning compliance, and government relations.

He earned a Juris Doctor with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law. Christian completed his Bachelor of Arts in

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Political Science with a minor in Spanish at Muhlenberg College. While in college, he was a four-year starter on the baseball team and volunteered with the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley and Versus Cancer Foundation.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- North Carolina

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

U.S. Courts of Appeals:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of North Carolina
- B.A., Political Science, Muhlenberg College

Memberships

- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

Recognition

- [North Carolina Rising Star](#), Super Lawyers®, 2023-2024

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Publications

- [Is This Going to Be on the Test? Reconciling the Four-Way Circuit Split over Handling Nominative Fair Use](#)
North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology, 2016

In the Press

[HBS Attorneys Selected as 2025 North Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)

February 18, 2025

HBS is proud to announce five attorneys have been recognized on the 2025 North Carolina Super Lawyers & Rising Stars list.

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Lawyers & Rising Stars

January 16, 2024

HBS is proud to announce that Super Lawyers has recognized Asheville Partner Issac N. Northup, Jr. and Charlotte Associate Christian Ferlan on their 2024 North Carolina Super Lawyers and 2024 North Carolina Rising Stars lists, respectfully.

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Concurrent Jurisdiction in Workers' Compensation Claims

December 4, 2023

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4 North Carolina Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Super Lawyers Lists

January 26, 2023

NORTH CAROLINA - January 26, 2023 - In the 2023 edition of the magazine, the law firm of Hall Booth Smith, P.C. (HBS) has been recognized for its outstanding legal work as four of its attorneys have been named on the lists of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Isaac Northup has been selected to the

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Hall Booth Smith Adds Lawrence, Ferlan to Growing Charlotte Office

June 16, 2020

CHARLOTTE, NC - June 16, 2020 - Hall Booth Smith, P.C.

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has added Associates Brett Lawrence and Christian Ferlan as its office in Charlotte, North Carolina, continues to expand.

Lawrence concentrates his practice on data privacy and security matters. Before joining HBS, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Lucy Inman of the North

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