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Biography

Laura Brook is an Associate in our Charlotte office and focuses her practice on business litigation, general liability, premises liability, professional liability, medical malpractice, aging services litigation, and labor and employment defense. She is licensed in North Carolina and is admitted to practice in all U.S. District Courts for North Carolina and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Laura's practice includes defending employers, long-term care facilities, medical and health care providers, insurance companies, and large and small businesses in a wide range of litigation areas, primarily focusing on general liability, professional liability, aging services, and medical malpractice. She also routinely represents educational institutions and employers in OCR, EEOC, and other related administrative proceedings.

Laura is an accomplished professional who has demonstrated her expertise successfully defending her client in an appeal of a motion to dismiss at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Additionally, she has proven her skills in enforcing arbitration agreements at the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Laura has experience in virtually all stages of litigation, including conducting

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complex discovery, depositions, and trial and arbitration experience. She enjoys being a valued legal resource to her clients.

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Prior to joining Hall Booth Smith, Laura worked at a regional defense firm, focusing primarily on workers' compensation defense. She attended the University of North Carolina Wilmington for her undergraduate degree and obtained her law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she was the managing editor for the *North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology* and a member of Holderness Moot Court. Laura is a Charlotte-area native and loves the history and community of the Queen City; she is involved with the Junior League of Charlotte and values giving back to her community.

In her free time, Laura enjoys spending time with her husband, Joe, and their dog, Dexter; traveling; and cheering on the Tar Heels.

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

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Education

- J.D., University of North Carolina
- B.S., Political Science, University of North Carolina
Wilmington

Memberships

- Carolina Youth Coalition, Mentor
- Junior League of Charlotte
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

Publications

- **Cashing Out: How Big Pharma Continues to Capitalize on the Antitrust Loophole Created in FTC v. Actavis**
North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology; October 31, 2018

In the Press

North Carolina Court of Appeals Limits Seagraves Test: Implications for Employers

October 11, 2022

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Written by: Laura Gregory, Esq. Recently, the North Carolina Court of Appeals issued a holding that declined to extend the Seagraves test, which is used by courts to determine whether an employee constructively refused suitable employment when they have been terminated for cause unrelated to their work injury. This holding significantly limits an employer's ability

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Hall Booth Smith Adds Two Attorneys to its Charlotte Office

April 22, 2022

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