

Christian H. Staples

PARTNER, RETAIL & CONSUMER INDUSTRY SECTOR CO-CHAIR

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Christian is a business attorney and litigator with first-chair jury trial and arbitration experience. He maintains a diverse legal practice representing businesses and individuals across a broad spectrum of industries. He is licensed to practice law in all state and federal courts in North Carolina and South Carolina, and in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Christian also is a certified mediator by the N.C. Dispute Resolution Committee.

As Co-Chair of Shumaker's Retail and Consumer Industry Sector, Christian handles cases involving the following:

- Breach of contract
- Real estate and commercial leasing disputes, including evictions
- Negligence and intentional torts
- Business divorces and owner disputes
- Alcoholic beverage regulation
- Products liability/breach of warranty
- Construction defect litigation
- Unfair trade practices
- Debt collection, including defense of FDCPA/TCPA claims
- Class action defense
- Labor and employment disputes
- Intellectual property disputes
- Contract drafting and negotiation

SERVICE LINE

Early Dispute Resolution
Insurance Recovery
Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Hospitality, Leisure & Sports
Manufacturing
Real Estate, Construction & Development
Retail & Consumer

PRIMARY LOCATION

Charlotte, NC
Charleston, SC

- LLC Formation and operating agreements

Outside of his practice, he serves on the board of the Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Woodberry Forest School. He previously served on the board of directors for the Mecklenburg County Bar and as Chair of its Young Lawyers Division.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 2009

South Carolina, 2014

United States District Court, Western District, North Carolina, 2010

United States District Court, Middle District, North Carolina, 2012

United States District Court, Eastern District, North Carolina, 2012

United States District Court, South Carolina, 2015

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2025

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Charlotte Alumni Chapter, Woodberry Forrest School, President and Board Member
- Advisory Board Member and Lead Instructor, UNC-Charlotte Craft Beer Business Essentials Certificate Program (2018-2023)
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association, Board of Directors (2016-2018)
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Chair (2015-2016), Vice-Chair (2014-2015), Secretary/Treasurer (2013-2014)

HONORS

- North Carolina Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2014 – 2022
- North Carolina Legal Elite, *Business North Carolina* Magazine, Young Guns, 2016, 2017
- Leader in the Law, North Carolina Lawyers Weekly, 2017

EDUCATION

J.D., Campbell University, 2009

B.A., Wake Forest University, 2005