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Chelsea focuses her practice on a variety of litigation matters, including healthcare litigation, certificate of need, products liability, toxic torts, and complex business litigation. She also counsels clients in response to cybersecurity and other data incidents and provides guidance in ensuing governmental investigations and actions.

Chelsea has experience in litigating cases from start to finish, including at trial. She currently serves as a discovery coordinating counsel for a major manufacturer of consumer products.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Experience

- Served as second chair at a trial before the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings
- Served as defense counsel in litigation in both state and federal court involving complex commercial disputes, medical devices, consumer products, and toxic torts
 - Experienced in taking and defending fact witness depositions
 - Experienced in expert witness preparation
 - Experienced in coordinating and managing written and electronic discovery

Previous Professional Experience

- Summer Associate in the Richmond office of a regional law firm (2016)
- Judicial Intern, Justice Robert H. Edmunds, Jr., North Carolina Supreme Court (2016)
- Congressional Intern, Congressman Tom Cole, Udall Foundation, Washington, DC (2014)

Education

University of North Carolina School of Law, JD (2018)

- Inductee of The James E. and Carolyn B. Davis Society
- President, Student Bar Association
- Order of the Barristers
- Holderness Moot Court
- Broun National Trial Team
- First Amendment Law Review

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, BA, Political Science with Honors and Distinction, BA, Communication Studies with Distinction (2015)

Admissions

North Carolina

Practice Areas

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

[Products Liability - Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices](#)

[Toxic Torts/Asbestos](#)

[Cybersecurity & Data Breach Response](#)

[Litigation](#)

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [North Carolina Super Lawyers, Rising Star](#)— Personal Injury – Products: Defense (2024-2025)
- 2023 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinder
- Claude M. Scarborough, Jr. Pro Bono Award (2022)
- Nelson Mullins Diversity Early Start Award (2022)
- [20 in their 20s](#), Triad Business Journal (2021)
- [N.C. Pro Bono Honor Society](#), N.C. Pro Bono Resource Center (2019–2020)

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association (Antitrust Section, Health Law Section, Litigation Section)
- North Carolina Bar Association
- American Health Law Association

Community

- N.C. Guardian Ad Litem appellate advocate
- Member, Board of Directors, LEAD Girls of N.C., Inc. (2018–Present)
- Chair, Board of Directors, Addiction Recovery Care Association (2019–Present)

Industries

[Automobiles & Other Motor Vehicles](#)

Articles & Speeches

Insights

[The Battle of Hayes Pond and Lessons from the Lumbee](#)- Author (November 19, 2021)

[Non-Physician Practitioners: North Carolina](#), *Thomson Reuters Practical Law*- Co-Author (May 26, 2021)

[Walking in Two Worlds: What My Lumbee Heritage Means to Me](#)- Author (Nov. 24, 2020)

Events/Speaking Engagements

[2023 Cyber Risk Summit](#)(May 31, 2023)

Blogs

[If Enacted, North Carolina House Bill 737 Will Transform the Legal Landscape for Hospital Transactions](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (April 27, 2023)

[North Carolina Session Law 2023-7 Results in Major Reforms to Certificate of Need, Healthcare Essentials](#) - Co-Author (April 19, 2023)

[The 2023 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan is Here – Time to Get Ready for 2024!](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (January 10, 2023)

[The 2023 SMFP is Here: Strong Growth Ahead in North Carolina](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (January 5, 2023)

[The Draft 2023 State Medical Facilities Plan is Here!](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (July 5, 2022)

[2022 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan has Arrived](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (January 3, 2022)

[Session Law 2021-129 Becomes North Carolina Law](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (August 31, 2021)

[President Biden's Recent Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy Highlights the Healthcare Sector](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (July 16, 2021)

[House Bill 660 Seeks to Narrow North Carolina's Certificate of Need Law](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (April 28, 2021)

[Quartet of Bills Propose Significant Changes to North Carolina's CON Law](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (April 12, 2021)

[North Carolina COVID-19 Vaccine Update](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (Updated March 30, 2021)

[North Carolina Certificate of Need: New Review Schedule for Applications Under the North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (May 4, 2020)

[North Carolina's Executive Order 130 Designed to Meet Health and Human Services Needs during COVID-19 Emergency](#), Healthcare Essentials - Co-Author (April 14, 2020)

[Motorists Catch Break in Decades Long Fight Following First Circuit's Holding on Request for Relief from Automatic Stay, Red Zone](#) - Author (October 22, 2019)