

# Brett T. Hanna

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Brett counsels corporate clients on a range of commercial transactions. He assists clients in contract negotiation, real estate acquisition, land use permitting, development, sale, leasing, and financing of developed and undeveloped property for regional shopping centers, utility-scale solar farms, mixed use developments, and condominiums.

Brett assists clients in managing their business interests including entity formation, corporate governance, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, financing, and general business matters. He has negotiated several multimillion-dollar merger and asset purchase transactions, including the purchase of a regional drug store chain.

## 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.

## Representative Matters

- Represented the monitor for the joint \$25 billion consent judgments between the attorneys general of 49 states (every state but Oklahoma) and the District of Columbia, the federal government, and five banks and mortgage servicers resulting from the robo-signing and mortgage servicing foreclosure crisis. Judgments led to the first-ever nationwide reforms to the mortgage servicing industry. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau used the metrics and testing scripts Mr. Hanna helped to create in the course of this representation as the template for the new mortgage servicing rules
- Represented the developer of a regional mall located in Durham, N.C. during the acquisition, financing, development, and disposition of the project

## Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be

## Education

Wake Forest University School of Law,  
JD (1997)

United States Air Force Academy, BS  
(1989)

## Admissions

North Carolina

## Practice Areas

[Alternative Energy](#)

[Corporate Governance](#)

[Financial Institutions Corporate & Regulatory](#)

[Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

[Power Generation](#)

[Energy](#)

## Industries

[Real Estate](#)

provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Land Use and Zoning Law (2012–2026), Real Estate Law (2012–2026)
- [North Carolina Super Lawyers](#), Real Estate (2014–2020)
- [N.C. Pro Bono Honor Society](#), N.C. Pro Bono Resource Center (2020)
- [Business North Carolina's Legal Elite](#), Real Estate (2009, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2023)

### **Professional Activities**

- American Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association, Real Property Section
- Wake County Bar Association
- Wake Forest Business and Industry Partnership

### **Military Service**

- U.S. Air Force

### **Articles & Speeches**

#### **Events/Speaking Engagements**

Association of Corporate Counsel Meeting - Panelist (February 4, 2015)