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PRACTICES

Civil Litigation

Long Term Care Practice

Medicare Set-Asides and
Medicare Compliance

EDUCATION

J.D., Campbell University
– Norman Adrian Wiggins
School of Law, 2008

B.A., University of North
Carolina at Wilmington, 2005

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina State Bar, 2008

U.S. District Court
Eastern District of North
Carolina, 2010

HONORS

AV Preeminent® peer
review rating from
Martindale-Hubbell

Selected to the Rising Stars
list, published nationwide in
Super Lawyers® Magazines,
in 2018 & 2019 for his civil
litigation defense work.

Mike Rothrock likes a challenge. Aside from being a marathon runner and triathlete, he enjoys the rigors of problem-solving and advocating for his clients in the courtroom. Mike joined Hedrick Gardner after spending eight years practicing personal injury law on the plaintiff's side. Prior to that, he clerked for two years in a personal injury firm while earning his Juris Doctorate at Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law.

As an attorney in Hedrick Gardner's Raleigh office, Mike's focus is on civil litigation. He has extensive experience litigating cases, including first chair trial experience, and has devoted a large portion of his professional time educating other lawyers and claims professionals on litigation practice, ethics, and technology.

"I am well acquainted with the issues that face our clients, and bring a unique perspective to their problems because I have been on the other side," he said.

Due to his work in the courtroom, Mike has been named a "Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 (Litigation)," by the American Society of Legal Advocates 2014-2018. Mike has also authored and co-authored several published articles regarding personal injury in *Personal Injury Practice in North Carolina* and *The Warrior: Journal of the Trial Lawyers College*. He's also a frequent speaker at continuing education seminars.

In his free time, Mike enjoys an active lifestyle of hiking, running, camping, and mountain biking. When he's not on the trails Mike can be found at home with his wife, son, and German Shepherd.

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

North Carolina Bar Association

Wake County Bar Association

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

Mentor, Campbell Law Connections Mentorship Program, 2013-Present

Judge and Mentor Attorney, Capital Area Teen Court, 2010-2016

Member, UNC Wilmington Triangle Alumni Steering Committee, 2015-Present

Assistant Coach, Campbell Law Buffalo-Niagra Trial Team, 2014

Attorney Advisor, Enloe High School Mock Trial, 2009-2016

Volunteer Attorney, NC Disaster Legal Services, 2018-Present

Volunteer Attorney, Legal Aid of North Carolina Lawyer on the Line Program, 2018-Present

PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES

- Co-Author, "Soft Tissue Injury Cases" *Personal Injury Practice in North Carolina*. Ed. Blocker & Clifton (1st Ed.)
- Co-Author, "Soft Tissue Injury Cases" *Personal Injury Practice in North Carolina*. Ed. Blocker & Clifton (2nd Ed.)
- Author, "Soft Tissue Injury Cases" *Personal Injury Practice in North Carolina*. Ed. Blocker & Clifton (3rd Ed.)
- Co-Author, *MIST Cases: Maximize Your Client's Recovery Without Litigation*. James Publishing. 2014.
- "The 'Small Case' is No Longer So Small to Me: Using the Abstract Absurd in the Soft Tissue Closing." *The Warrior: Journal of the Trial Lawyers College*. Winter 2012 Issue.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, "The Importance of Building Your Reputation by Maintaining Your Professionalism." Professionalism for New Admittees. Continuing Education Seminar. 17 November 2016. Raleigh, NC.
- Panelist, "Dealing with the Courts" Professionalism for New Admittees. Continuing Education Seminar. 17 November 2016. Raleigh, NC.
- Speaker, "Opening Statements: Forecasting Pain and Suffering in the Most Persuasive Way." Proving Pain and Suffering Through Every Stage of Your Trial. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 12 February 2016, Raleigh, NC.
- CLE Chair, Pre-Trial Practice: Winning Your Case Before Trial. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 2015.
- CLE Co-Chair, Professionalism for New Admittees. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 2012-2014 (seminar held biannually).
- Speaker, "Making Discovery Work for You and Your Client." Top 10 Rules of Civil Procedure. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 8 February 2013, Raleigh, NC.
- Speaker, "Technology in the Law Office," New Admittee Professionalism Program. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 17 April 2012, Raleigh, NC.
- Speaker, "Soft Tissue Injuries," Nuts & Bolts of Personal Injury

Practice. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 23 September 2011, Greensboro, NC.

- Speaker, "The 'Reformed' N.C.G.S. Section 6-21.1: What it Means for Attorney Fees," Billed v. Paid: Counting the True Cost. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 19 August 2011, Raleigh, NC.
- Speaker, "Soft Tissue Injuries," Nuts & Bolts of Personal Injury Law. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. 13 November 2009, Greensboro, NC.