

Amanda Brookie McDonald

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Practices

Workers' Compensation

Bar Admissions

North Carolina State Bar

Education

J.D., Campbell University
Norman Adrian Wiggins
School of Law, 2016

B.S., North Carolina State
University, 2013

Overview

For Amanda Brookie McDonald, cases are never just about numbers, they're about the people behind them. Her strong relationships throughout the legal system and collaborative approach with all parties make her an effective advocate for her clients.

Amanda brings genuine passion to every case that crosses her desk, embracing the unique challenges each one presents while consistently working toward the best possible outcome. Her practice focuses on counseling clients through workers' compensation claims, where she combines efficiency with strategic thinking to minimize exposure while advancing claims effectively.

Representing insurance carriers, third party administrators, and self-insured employers, Amanda serves as both advocate and trusted advisor. She particularly enjoys guiding clients through North Carolina's complex legal landscape, often providing crucial counsel before claims are even officially filed, helping prevent issues rather than simply responding to them.

Amanda's path to law began during her sophomore year of college, though her family insists the signs appeared much earlier. As a young child visiting a children's museum, she staged a mock trial in their courtroom exhibit and famously sentenced her grandfather to "life without dessert" for suggesting they flush her deceased beta fish down the toilet rather than give it a proper burial.

During law school, Amanda earned three book awards and gained membership in the Order of the Barristers National Advocacy Honor Society. She was also twice recognized in 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.'

When she's not practicing law, Amanda enjoys spending time with her husband, their two children, and their golden retriever, a rescue from China who completes their family.

Awards & Honors

- Selected by peers for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#)© 2025 – 2026 in the field of Workers' Compensation Law – Employers
- Book Awards: Traditional and Social Media Law, Health Law, Employment Law
- Order of the Barristers National Advocacy Honor Society
- 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges': 2014-2015, 2015-2016
- 2014 Wake County Bar Association Memorial Scholarship Recipient
- UNC Craven Moot Court Competition Third Best Brief
- 2016 Pro Bono Project of the Year Award Recipient

Involvement

- North Carolina Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association
- American Bar Association