

# Hedrick Gardner Announces Attorney Promotions

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Hedrick Gardner is excited to announce the elevation of four attorneys across its offices.

“These four attorneys have demonstrated not just legal excellence, but the judgment and leadership qualities that define our firm’s culture, said Paul Lawrence, Managing Partner at Hedrick Gardner. “These promotions reflect our commitment to recognizing talent within our own ranks.”

The following attorneys have been elevated to Partner:

- Kari Swindle (Charlotte)
- Charlie Vail (Raleigh)
- Paul Allen (Columbia)

Additionally, one attorney has been promoted to Special Counsel:

- Robert Creech (Charlotte)

## About Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP:

For 70 years, we have been a trusted legal partner throughout North and South Carolina, delivering strategic counsel and results that matter. We combine deep experience with the resources needed to manage complex claims and litigation efficiently.

We are a partnership-driven firm. Our attorneys stand beside clients at every stage of a dispute, offering clear guidance, focused strategy, and relentless advocacy. We invest deeply in understanding each client’s unique challenges and business priorities, ensuring our counsel is practical and aligned with their goals.

Our regional presence gives us unmatched perspective on state and local regulations and court practices, enabling us to craft effective defense strategies. While the vast majority of cases settle favorably before trial, our attorneys have substantial trial experience and a well-earned reputation for courtroom advocacy.