Administrative Law

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Overview

Our firm's attorneys are recognized as among the top administrative/regulatory law practitioners in North Carolina. Together, we have represented clients in over 100 hearings before the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) in a variety of matters including occupational/professional licensing, State employment, and other administrative issues. In addition, we help individuals and businesses remain in compliance with State and federal laws.

In addition to appearing before Administrative Law Judges at OAH, we represent clients before a number of other State agencies, including the Cabinet and Council of State departments, the N.C. Ethics Commission, the N.C. Industrial Commission, and the N.C. Rules Review Commission.

The types of administrative/regulatory matters we typically handle include occupational licensure and disciplinary disputes, tort claims, civil penalty disputes, procurement disputes, and rulemaking. Additionally, we represent clients in judicial review and appellate proceedings in North Carolina trial and appellate courts.

Experience

Appellate Case History

- Story Homes Construction, LLC v. North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors
  - *Successfully defended the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors before the N.C. Court of Appeals in a review of the Board's adverse decision against a general contractor and qualifying individual. The Court affirmed the Board's determination that a general contractor had engaged in fraud or deceit by failing to disclose pending Board investigations on a license renewal application and had been grossly negligent or incompetent in allowing its general contractor license to lapse.*
- Ferris v. North Carolina Board of Architecture
  - *Represented the North Carolina Board of Architecture before the N.C. Court of Appeals. The Court affirmed the trial court's dismissal of a petition for judicial review. The Board successfully argued that the Petitioner had failed to abide by specific statutory service-of-process provisions.*
- Gabbidon Builders, LLC v. North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors
  - *Represented the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors before the N.C. Court of Appeals. The Court affirmed the Board's decision to allow witnesses subpoenaed by the Board to appear virtually in a hearing against the Petitioner who was alleged to have participated in gross negligence, incompetency, and/or misconduct in the practice of general contracting.*

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- Federowicz v. North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners
  - *Successfully defended the North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiner's adverse decision against a licensed chiropractor before the N.C. Court of Appeals. The Court affirmed the Board's conclusion that the Chiropractor was negligent and failed to render acceptable care in the practice of chiropractic care.*

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