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# Robert Zaytoun

## Zaytoun Law Firm

**R**obert Zaytoun's guidance levels the playing field for his clients, helping steer them through the legal complexities of catastrophic personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, and other claims of negligence.

"I have approached being a lawyer with passion to make a difference in the lives of my clients," he said. And he has made quite a difference. He has uncovered multiple insurance benefits and recovered multi-million dollar settlements for his clients, allowing them to regain some measure of their life after tragedy.

He believes that part of his obligation is to serve his community. To that end, he is a member of many civic and non-profit organizations. He was appointed by Governor Mike Easley (and re-appointed) to the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, which was created to distribute North Carolina's share of the National Tobacco Settlement. He has also been appointed by governors to the Board of Trustees of the North Caro-



lina Symphony and the Judicial Nominating Commission.

He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Farm Pilot Project Coordination, which seeks the development of ground water protection against animal

waste, and currently a board member of New Vision Renewable Energy; in this capacity, he recently traveled to the Dominican Republic to oversee the distribution of solar light kits to the needy.

Zaytoun is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and UNC School of Law. In his limited spare time, spends time outdoors as a cyclist, hiker, and backpacker. He is trustee with the North Carolina Symphony, founder of the artist-in-residence program at Artspace, active on the North Carolina Film council and produced his own feature-length film in 2007.

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He owns and shows the blue-ribbon winner Grizzly, a Tennessee Walker horse.

### **What do you consider to be your most significant professional achievement?**

Being in private practice since 1982 and becoming skilled as a litigator representing plaintiffs primarily who have been injured through negligence and medical negligence. Currently, mentoring two young lawyers in my firm.

### **Describe your best moment as a mentor.**

Watching as Matt Ballew, my associate, delivered a powerful opening statement in a serious medical negligence trial in Pitt County in 2014 which resulted in a \$13 million settlement during trial.

### **What do you consider your most significant personal achievement?**

Being a father of six fabulous children who each have sought purposeful lives in fields for which they have a passion to help others.