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Steve Russell works hard for his clients because he is deeply impacted by the challenges they face. His abilities and his judgment outpace his years in practice. Steve provides tremendous value to his clients both in his abilities and his efficiency. He has a great desire to achieve the best possible outcome, and isn't happy unless the job is done right.

Steve has experience in high profile litigation matters in state and federal courts. He has worked with individuals, municipalities, and businesses of all sizes on matters ranging from commercial litigation, employment disputes, defamation and wrongful death. He regularly represents plaintiffs and defendants in the trial courts, appellate courts, and the Business Court.

Steve invests in our profession and community in a variety of ways. He has helped to lead fundraising drives for Legal Aid of North Carolina and the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation, and was in the 2013 class of Leadership Greensboro. He has written and spoken about practicing before North Carolina's appellate courts, and served as the President of the Young Lawyers Section in Greensboro. He has also mentored law students and serves on numerous bar committees.

Steve is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Louise W. Flanagan of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

 Education, Academic Honors & Admissions

Education


J.D., with high honors, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2006
B.A., with highest distinction, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003

Academic Honors


Staff Member, North Carolina Law Review, 2004-2005
Order of the Coif, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chancellors Scholar, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Phi Beta Kappa, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Admissions

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2014
United States District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 2008
United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 2008
United States District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 2007
North Carolina, 2006

 Professional Memberships & Leadership

North Carolina Bar Association
Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, Permanent Member
Greensboro Bar Association
Greensboro Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Board Member, 2008-2016
Greensboro Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, President, 2014-2015
Greensboro Bar Association, Nominating Committee, 2016
NCBA Foundation, Development Committee, 2013-2016
NCBA Appellate Section Council, 2015-16
NCBA Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities Section Council, 2009-2012
NCBA Young Lawyers Section, Nominating Committee, 2016

 Achievements

Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under 40, 2016
North Carolina Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition, General Litigation, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Business North Carolina's Legal Elite, Young Guns, 2014, 2015, 2016

"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."
- Theodore Roosevelt

 Civic & Community Service

Leadership Greensboro, Class of 2013
Legal Aid of North Carolina, Triad Associates Drive, Chair, 2010-2012
Elon University School of Law Preceptor, 2008-2013

 Judicial Clerkship

Clerkship, Chief Judge Louise W. Flanagan, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, 2006-2007

 Recent Presentations & Speaking Engagements

Professionalism in Practice: A Local Perspective, Greensboro Bar Association, CLE Speaker, February 2015

Sex, Lies & Backup Tapes: A Discussion of Ethics from an Out-of-the-Box Practice, Greensboro Bar Association, CLE Speaker, January 2015

 Publications

Co-authored North Carolina chapter of the ABA's Appellate Practice Compendium (Dana Livingston, ed., ABA 2012)

"The Brave New World of the North Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure," *The Litigator*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Oct. 2009)