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David Dreifus has over 35 years of experience helping clients find creative business resolutions to difficult disputes. He is also a North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Superior Court Mediator.



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JURISDICTIONS LICENSED

North Carolina, US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, US Tax Court

“Litigation is really the art of storytelling. The trick is to build the most compelling narrative from the evidence, knowing that your opponent will use the same evidence to tell a different story.”

BIOGRAPHY

David is particularly attuned to the needs of business clients because he grew up in a successful family owned business and operated his own small business for several years before going to law school. He focuses his practice on disputes among owners of closely held businesses, minority shareholder disputes, disputes between buyers and sellers of businesses, and cases involving banking and accounting issues. David also has significant experience in the forensic investigation of fraudulent financial transactions. Between July 2013 and August 2018 David served as counsel to the Monitor of the National Mortgage Settlement.

AREAS OF FOCUS

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS LITIGATION

July 2013 – August 2018 – Counsel to the Monitor of the National Mortgage Settlement. David was part of the team that assisted the Monitor in reviewing and reporting on the extensive testing of mortgage servicing systems that was required under the terms of the National Mortgage Settlement. David worked with multiple mortgage servicers, accounting firms and regulators during the course of this engagement.

BUSINESS LITIGATION

Russ v. Z-Medica (North Carolina Business Court)(2012) (defense of corporate governance dispute)

RBC Bank v. Epps, et al – (U.S. District Court, South Carolina)(2010-12) (prosecution of mortgage fraud claims)

Beadneal v. BB&T et al (North Carolina Business Court)(2011) (defense of alleged fraudulent lending scheme)

Stratton v. RBC Bank (North Carolina Business Court)(2010) (defense of case of first impression on legal issues over ancient stock certificates)

Wefald v. Wake Heart and Vascular Associates (North Carolina Business Court)(2009) (defense of wrongful termination and shareholder dispute)

Carl v. State Health Plan and MedAmerica Insurance Company (Wake County Superior Court) (class action defense)

Marotta et al. v. DataCraft Solutions, Inc. (North Carolina Business Court) (2008) (prosecution of minority shareholder dispute)

Lockhart v. Southern Jet, Inc. et al. (North Carolina Business Court) (2008) (prosecution of minority shareholder dispute)

CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATIONS & SPECIALIZATIONS

North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Superior Court Mediator

EDUCATION

Duke University, JD, 1980, *with distinction*

Tufts University, BA, 1974, *magna cum laude*

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® (Commercial Litigation) 2010 – 2017, 2021 and (Litigation – Banking & Finance) 2013-2017, 2021

Ranked among *Super Lawyers* magazine's North Carolina "Super Lawyers," (Business Litigation) 2006 - 2015, and 2018

"Going with the grain: An Interview with David Dreifus" from the *Independent Weekly*

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PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Instructor, Duke Law School "January Week" 2011

North Carolina Bar Association, Appellate Rules Committee, 1987 – 1991

Treasurer and Member of Board of Directors of Beth El Synagogue, 2001 – 2008, 2010 – 2012