

Keith Johnson

PARTNER

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With over 30 years of experience, Keith is a versatile attorney and a seasoned litigator, who also advises long-standing business clients in a wide array of transactions and matters.



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North Carolina

“I love winning for a client. Like any lawyer worth their salt, I hate losing. But perhaps my greatest satisfaction comes from thinking of a solution, to a dispute or development challenge, that no one has thought of yet.”

BIOGRAPHY

Keith’s litigation experience extends beyond the courtroom. He has litigated matters before N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, in arbitration, and before local government boards and councils in quasi-judicial proceedings. He heads litigation teams at the firm in various complex cases. Keith advises business clients in a variety of transactions and matters, utilizing the expertise of his corporate law partners as needed.

Keith represents developers and local governments regarding the redevelopment of contaminated property. He has guided clients through the various state programs to address contaminated property, including the brownfields and dry-cleaning solvent programs. He has developed unique expertise regarding stormwater regulation. He has also litigated various environmental disputes, including multi-party Superfund litigation. In 2019, he was named Legal Elite Environmental Attorney of the Year by N.C. Business Magazine.

AREAS OF FOCUS

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Environmental Due Diligence
- Brownfields/other environmental remedial programs
- Wetlands/water quality impacts
- Stormwater infrastructure
- Construction contracts and disputes
- Superfund litigation
- Solid waste management
- Zoning & conditional use permits
- Environmental citizens suits

GOVERNMENT

LAND USE, ZONING, & ENVIRONMENTAL

BUSINESS LITIGATION

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

University of Virginia, JD, 1989

University of North Carolina, BA, 1985

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recognized as a Leading Attorney by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Environmental Law), 2013-2022

Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® (Environmental Law), 2008 – 2017, 2021 and (Litigation – Environmental), 2013-2017, 2021-2022

Recognized as *Best Lawyers'* 2015 Raleigh Litigation – Environmental Lawyer of the Year

Recognized in Business North Carolina Magazine's "Legal Elite" (Environmental), 2003, 2007 – 2009, 2011-2015, and 2018; Hall of Fame 2022

Ranked among Super Lawyers magazine's North Carolina Top 100 North Carolina "Super Lawyers" in 2012; ranked among "Super Lawyers" in Business Litigation, 2006 – 2009, Environmental, 2009 -2015, and 2018

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Energy & Natural Resources Law Section (Environment), N.C. State Bar, Member

North Carolina Association of Municipal Attorneys, Member