

ROBERTS & STEVENS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Wyatt S. Stevens

PARTNER

Wyatt Stevens is a partner of Roberts & Stevens with more than 25 years of experience in complex personal injury litigation and commercial litigation. A native of Asheville, North Carolina, Wyatt has successfully represented individuals, businesses and organizations in state and federal courts throughout Western North Carolina, including dozens of complex jury trials, administrative hearings and appeals. His diverse clients include companies and individuals engaged in the recreational sports industry, manufacturing, insurance, telecommunications, trucking and tourism industries.

Wyatt is AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He has been recognized in *Business North Carolina* magazine's Legal Elite, and his peers have also honored him as a North Carolina Super Lawyer. Wyatt is a member of the 28th Judicial District Bar and the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. As a member of the Association of Ski Defense Attorneys, Wyatt regularly defends and advises the state's ski resorts in personal injury cases.

EXPERIENCE

- Representation of individuals, businesses and organizations in complex personal injury and wrongful death litigation
- Outdoor recreation litigation
- Commercial litigation
- Estate litigation
- Land Use & Zoning

PROFESSIONAL

- Association of Ski Defense Attorneys
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, BA, 1991; JD, 1994

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Appellate Law

Business, Banking, Contract & Corporate Law

Estates, Trusts & Elder Law

Government Relations, Administrative Law & Public Policy

Health Law

Insurance Defense

Land Use & Zoning

Outdoor Recreation & Youth Camps

Personal Injury & Wrongful Death

Products Liability

Professional Liability

Real Estate, Development, Land Trusts & Conservation

Trucking Defense & Transportation Law

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina State Bar

United States District Court, North Carolina, Western and Middle Districts

United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

United States Supreme Court

Cherokee Tribal Court

COMMUNITY

Mission Health System, Board of Directors and Board Chair, 2010-2019

Dogwood Health Trust, Board of Directors, 2018-2019

Nature Conservancy of North Carolina, Trustee, 2017-present

- North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation, 1993-1994
- North Carolina Bar Association, Section: Litigation

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2019 and 2021 Asheville Litigation–Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year and 2020 and 2022 Asheville Personal Injury Litigation–Defendants Lawyer of the Year; Commercial Litigation, 2012-present; Litigation-Trusts & Estates, 2013-present; Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, 2013-present
- Buncombe County Bar: 2020 Professionalism Award
- *Business North Carolina* magazine's Legal Elite: Litigation, 2007-2009, 2012-2013, 2017-2021
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*: Personal Injury, Business and Civil Litigation, 2009-present

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Obtained a plaintiff's verdict in federal court in favor of The Biltmore Company against Nu U, Inc. for trademark infringement, willful infringement and cybersquatting. *The Biltmore Company vs. Nu U, Inc.*, 15 CV 288 (May, 2017).
- Secured over \$2.1M in settlement funds for a non-profit affordable housing agency in a construction defect case arising out of a tax credit funded project in downtown Asheville. (2016).
- Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a North Carolina State Trooper in a wrongful death/closed head injury case in Guilford County, North Carolina (2014), which was upheld on appeal (2016).
- Serving as local counsel with the Jones Day Law Firm, obtained a defense verdict in a products liability case in federal court in the Western District of North Carolina in *Kimberly S. Sisk v. Abbott Laboratories*, No. 1:11-cv-00159-MR-DLH (W.D.N.C., 2014)
- Obtained and successfully defended summary judgment for the defendant in a ski accident case in *Haltiwanger vs. Cataloochee*, 723 S.E.2d 173; 2012 N.C. App. LEXIS 408 (2012).
- Obtained a plaintiff's verdict in favor of a major corporate client in Haywood County, North Carolina in 2010. Successfully defended a corporate client in a patent infringement action in the Eastern District of Texas in 2010 involving an alleged internet-related patent.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a complex motorcycle personal injury case in Polk County, North Carolina in 2008.
- Obtained a defense verdict in favor of the North Carolina Highway Patrol in a double fatality motor vehicle accident tort claim case in the Industrial Commission, which was upheld by the North Carolina Court of Appeals in *Holloway v. Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety*, 197 N.C. App. 165 (2008).