

# ROBERTS & STEVENS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



## Ann-Patton Hornthal

### PARTNER

Ann-Patton Hornthal, a shareholder of Roberts & Stevens, is devoted to handling litigation and pre-litigation matters on behalf of commercial clients in complex trial, regulatory, and appellate matters in state and federal courts and licensing boards, with an emphasis on professional liability defense and commercial disputes. Ann-Patton has represented clients in healthcare, legal, manufacturing, alternative-energy, and law enforcement sectors. She devotes a substantial portion of her practice to appellate work.

Ann-Patton's peers have honored her in *North Carolina Super Lawyer* publications, and she has served as the President of the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of North Carolina. She recently served as the Vice Chancellor of the Harry C. Martin American Inn of Court and completed six years of service on the Board of Directors for Pisgah Legal Services, a nonprofit that provides free civil legal aid to the most vulnerable people in Western North Carolina. Ann-Patton is also an active member of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Defense Research Institute, and North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys.

### EXPERIENCE

- Commercial litigation and complex business disputes
- Personal injury and wrongful death litigation
- Local government matters
- Professional liability defense, including legal malpractice defense on behalf of law firms and attorneys and medical malpractice defense on behalf of hospitals, physicians, and medical practices
- Estate litigation

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### EDUCATION

Birmingham-Southern College, BA, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2001

Mercer University, School of Law, JD, *magna cum laude*, 2006

### PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Appellate Law

Business, Banking, Contract & Corporate Law

Civil Rights & Election Law

Education Law

Employment Law

Estates & Trusts

Government Relations, Administrative Law & Public Policy

Health Law

Homeowners' Association & Condominium Law

Hospitality, Craft Beverage & Tourism Law

Insurance Defense

Land Condemnation

Litigation

Medical Malpractice

Outdoor Recreation & Youth Camps

Personal Injury & Wrongful Death

Products Liability

Professional Liability

Real Estate, Development, Land Trusts & Conservation

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina State Bar

U.S. District Court, North Carolina, Western, Middle and Eastern Districts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States Supreme Court

Cherokee Tribal Court

## PROFESSIONAL

- Western District of North Carolina Federal Bar Association, President (2017-2018), Vice President (2016-2017), Treasurer (2014-2015), Member (2010-Present)
- Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Member (2018)
- The Harry C. Martin American Inn of Court, Vice President (2017-2018), Treasurer (2015-2018), Member (2015-Present)
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Co-Chair of the Women Litigator Committee (2015-2016) and Member (2006-Present)
- North Carolina Business Court Rules Revision Committee, ADR Rules Subcommittee member (2015-present)
- Defense Research Institute, Member, 2006-present
- Author, case note, "A New Era of Dead-Beat Dads: Determining Social Security Survivor Benefits for Children Who Are Posthumously Conceived," 56 Mercer Law Review 759, 2005
- National Association of Women Lawyers, Outstanding Woman Law Graduate, 2006
- *Mercer Law Review*, Georgia Survey Editor, 2005-2006
- National and Georgia Intrastate Moot Court Teams, 2006
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association for the Western District of North Carolina
- American Bar Association

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2021-present
- *Business North Carolina* magazine's Legal Elite: Young Guns, 2017; Litigation and Appellate, 2021
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*: Civil Litigation: Defense, 2021
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*: Civil Litigation: Defense, Rising Star, 2011-2013, 2016

## COMMUNITY

Pisgah Legal Services, Board of Directors, 2012-2018

Blue Ridge Public Radio Community Advisory Board Chairperson, 2006-2009; Community Advisory Board Member, 2006-2012; Member, 2006-Present.

Pisgah Legal Services Mountain Area Volunteers Lawyer, Volunteer, 2007-Present

Buncombe County A.C. Reynolds School District Advisory Council Member, 2018-Present

Leadership Asheville Graduate, Class 29, 2011

Trinity Episcopal Church, Member, 2007-Present

AmeriCorps Volunteer Program, Alumnus, 2001-2002

## CLERKSHIP

Intern for the Honorable Hugh Lawson, Federal United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of Georgia