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St. Andrews Presbyterian College, BA, *cum laude*, 1992

Southwestern University School of Law, JD, 1995

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

 $Business, Banking, Contract\,\&\,Corporate\,Law$ 

**Employment Law** 

Estates, Trusts & Elder Law

 $Hospitality, Craft\ Beverage\ \&\ Tourism\ Law$ 

Nonprofit Law

## **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

North Carolina State Bar

## **COMMUNITY**

Greater Asheville Regional Authority Board Member, 2020-Present

Pisgah Legal Services, Hotline Attorney – Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer, 2000-Present

North Carolina Bar Association Call 4All, 2011-Present

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys Education Chair, 2012-2013

Asheville Area Paralegal Association, Co-Founder, 2003-Present

St. Eugene Catholic Church Parish Council, 2017-Present

Council on Aging of Buncombe County Board Member, 2011–2014



# Susan Russo Klein

## **PARTNER**

Susan is experienced in helping employers, businesses and nonprofits of all sizes resolve employment law issues and create strong business contracts. As former in-house counsel, Susan understands the needs of general counsel and other C-suite executives.

Susan advises organizations of all sizes on challenging employment issues, from training and compliance to defending labor audits and discrimination complaints. Her business experience includes negotiating and drafting contracts, including service agreements, commercial leases and acquisitions.

Susan has lived in Asheville for more than 20 years. She is active in the community, serving on the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority, serving on the Executive Committee as Secretary for the Buncombe County Bar, and participating in the North Carolina Bar Association's Call 4All. She has served on numerous boards in the Asheville area.

## **PROFESSIONAL**

- Buncombe County Bar, Member, 2000 Present
- North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, Member, 2012 2014
- North Carolina Bar Association, Member, Corporate Counsel and Real Property Sections, 2012 - Present
- North Carolina Bar Association, Small Firm Pro Bono Service Award, 2012
- North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, 2020

# AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

• Business North Carolina magazine's Legal Elite: Employment, 2022 - Present