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VINCENT D. CHILDRESS, JR.

PARTNER

Vince Childress, currently President and a shareholder of Roberts & Stevens, has been practicing for more than 40 years in the areas of Business and Corporate Law, Trust and Estate Planning and Probate, and Healthcare Law. Vince has significant experience in complex transactions including entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, business financing and corporate contracts for large and family-owned companies, small businesses, manufacturing and distribution companies; the entertainment and tourism industry; physician groups, tax-exempt hospitals, and healthcare organizations. Vince is the firm partner primarily responsible for transactional legal opinions.

Vince's expertise also includes trust and estate planning for individuals, families and family businesses, encompassing a range from complex estate planning for families with high net worth to simple wills and trusts for clients who do not require tax planning. Planning for business succession for owners of closely held businesses is an area where Vince uses his expertise in both estate and business law.

Vince has been honored for his work being named as a *Best Lawyers in America* in Corporate Law and Health Care Law, as a *Business North Carolina* magazine Legal Elite in the field of business law, and *North Carolina Super Lawyers* in Business/Corporate Law. Outside of the firm, Vince is active in the community, including involvement with the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina and volunteer work for Pisgah Legal Services, from which he has received the nonprofit's Outstanding Pro Bono Services Award.

EXPERIENCE

- Counseled large, family-owned or closely held businesses in re-structuring of capitalization and shareholder agreements Estate planning for family-owned businesses and individuals including preparation of wills, revocable living trusts, A-

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, BA, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Beta Kappa, 1979

University of North Carolina, School of Law, JD, Phi Delta Phi, 1983

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Business, Banking, Contract & Corporate Law

Construction Law

Estates, Trusts & Elder Law

Health Law

Nonprofit Law

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina State Bar

COMMUNITY

Asheville Downtown Association, former Board of Directors Member

Asheville Downtown City Club, former Board of Directors Member

Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, Former Board of Directors Member and Investment Committee Member; Current, Scholarship and Professional Committees Member

Mountain Area Child and Family Center, former Board of Directors Member

Pathways/Life After Cancer, former Board of Directors Member

Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC, Former Vestry Member

B plans and matters of estate and gift taxation

- Representation of banks and borrowers in multi-million dollar transactions
- Representation of sellers and buyers in business ownership transactions
- Representation of medical practices in all aspects of organization including employment, leasing, financing and physician-hospital transactions, mergers
- Tax-exempt organizational issues for non-profit organizations, including creation, tax-exemption, mergers, reorganization operations and personnel matters
- Representation of several physician groups, both large and small, in connection hospital-physician integration transactions

PROFESSIONAL

- North Carolina Bar Association: Sections: Business Law; Section Council, 1994-1997; Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law, Chairman Related Professionals Committee, 1999-2000
- North Carolina Bar Association: Board of Governors, 2020-2023; Chair, Nominations Committee, 2023)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*: "Lawyer of the Year" in Asheville - 2024 Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2019 and 2021 Corporate Law, and 2022 Health Care Law; Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2023-present; Corporate Law, 2011-present; Health Care Law, 2012-present; Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2021-present; Trusts & Estates, 2024-present
- *Business North Carolina* magazine's Legal Elite: Business Law, 2008, 2013, 2023
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*: Business & Corporate Attorney, 2013-2022
- Pisgah Legal Services Outstanding Pro Bono Services Award

PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE

- "Legal Opinions," 2017 NC Bar Association Real Property Section Annual Meeting panel member
- "Planned Giving," presentation to the guests of Carolina First Bank, Asheville, NC, 2010
- "Contracting with Medical Groups and Other Legal Documents for New Physicians," presentation to the American College of Cardiology Fellows in Training (NC/SC), 2009