



ANN-PATTON HORNTHAL PARTNER

Ann-Patton Horntthal, 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. 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
- 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
- Local government matters
- Estate litigation

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

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)
- Defense Research Institute, Member, 2006-present
- North Carolina Business Court Rules Revision Committee, ADR Rules Subcommittee member (2015-present)
- North Carolina Bar Association
- American Bar Association

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*: Appellate Practice, 2023-present; Commercial Litigation, 2021-present
- *Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite"* in Litigation, 2021-2026; Appellate, 2021-2025; and Young Guns, 2017
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*: Civil Litigation: Defense, 2021-Present
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*: Civil Litigation: Defense, Rising Star, 2011-2013, 2016

COMMUNITY

Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Present

Pisgah Legal Services, Board of Directors, 2012-2018

Blue Ridge Public Radio Community Advisory Board Chairperson, 2006-2009

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

Buncombe County A.C. Reynolds School District Advisory Council Member, 2018-2022

Leadership Asheville Graduate, Class of 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