



## JOHN D. NOOR

### PARTNER

John Noor is a litigation attorney focusing on environmental law, complex business litigation, governmental affairs, and public policy. John joined the firm in 2013, after serving for two years as a law clerk to the Honorable Calvin E. Murphy on the North Carolina Business Court. Prior to his clerkship, John was a summer clerk to the Honorable Robert C. Hunter, Jr. on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and, before attending law school, worked for UNC President Erskine Bowles.

John has been involved in cases concerning a broad range of companies, from multi-billion-dollar financial institutions, to small, closely-held family businesses. In his environmental practice, John has worked on Brownfields Redevelopment, permitting under the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, nuisance actions, administrative rulemaking, oil and natural gas leasing, and energy performance contracting. While with the Business Court, John worked on cases involving shareholder rights disputes, corporate mergers and acquisitions, trade secrets, employment covenants, unfair and deceptive trade practices, international discovery, and other business torts. John also has experience with government taxation of internet commerce, municipal negotiations and litigation over utility pole attachment rates, condemnation, and environmental sustainability.

John, a North Carolina native, serves the Asheville community as a volunteer domestic violence attorney with Pisgah Legal Services and is a member of UNC Asheville's National Alumni Council. John and his wife, Caroline, currently reside in Asheville.

### PROFESSIONAL

- Adjunct Professor of Law, UNC Asheville

### EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Asheville, BA in Political Science and Economics, Distinction in Political Science, 2007

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, JD with honors, 2011

### CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to the Honorable Calvin E. Murphy, North Carolina Business Court, 2011-2013

### PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Appellate Law

Bankruptcy, Collections & Creditors' Rights

Business, Banking, Contract & Corporate Law

Civil Rights & Election Law

Education Law

Environmental Law

Government Relations, Administrative Law & Public Policy

Homeowners' Association & Condominium Law

Land Use & Zoning

Real Estate, Development, Land Trusts & Conservation

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina State Bar

U. S. District Court, North Carolina, Western District

### COMMUNITY

City of Asheville Sustainable Advisory Committee on Energy and Environment, Member, 2015-present

UNC-Asheville National Alumni Council, Member, 2011-present

Pisgah Legal Services, Mountain Area Volunteer Attorney, 2013-present

Town of Chapel Hill Sustainability Committee Vice-Chairman, 2007-2011

UNC Law Environmental Legal Project, Communications Director, 2009-2010

UNC Graduate and Professional Student Federation, Senator, 2009-11

UNC Pro Bono Project, logged over 140 hours of free legal work, 2008-2011

United Family Services Victim Legal

- North Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division
- 28th Judicial District Bar Association

Representation Project, Pro Bono Attorney, 2011-2013; 2013 and 2012 Commitment to Justice Award Recipient

Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*: Commercial Litigation, 2021-present; Environmental Law, 2025-present; Land Use and Zoning Law, 2024-present
- *Business North Carolina* magazine's Legal Elite: Environmental, 2017, 2026; Litigation, 2017, 2021; Antitrust, 2017; Young Guns, 2017, 2021
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*: Rising Stars, 2019-present

## PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE

- Presenter, "The NC Business Court and the 2014 Modernization Act," 28th Judicial Bar District's CLE, 2015
- Presenter, "An Attorney's Guide to the North Carolina Business Court: Navigating North Carolina's Specialized Forum for Complex Civil Litigation," Mecklenburg County Bar Association, 2013.

## PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE

- John Noor, *North Carolina's Natural Gas Reserves: Are We Ready For The Boom?* Independent Study, 2010.
- John Noor, *Herding Cats: What To Do When States Get In The Way Of National Energy Policy*, 11 N.C. J.L. & TECH. 145, 2009.
- John Noor, *North Carolina's New Water Quality Law: Improvements in the Stormwater Management of North Carolina's Coastal Counties*, UNC Environmental Law Symposium, 2009.
- Norma Houston & John Noor, *Excuse Me, I'm Looking for My Client: Who's Your Client When You Are the Public's Lawyer?* Public Law For The Public's Lawyer N.C. State Bar CLE Program, 2009.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Special Counsel to the United States Judiciary Committee, Professor Michael Gerhardt, Research Assistant, 2009–2011
- The Honorable Robert C. Hunter, Jr., North Carolina Court of Appeals, Summer Law Clerk, 2010
- University of North Carolina General Administration, President Erskine Bowles Presidential Intern, 2007–2008
  - Co-authored, with Dr. Dennis Grady and Norma Houston, the Environmental Sustainability section of the *UNC Tomorrow Commission's Final Report and Recommendations* to the UNC Board of Governors.
  - Spearheaded the development of the first UNC Environmental Sustainability Policy that regulates the University's \$180 million utilities budget.
- United States Senate Judiciary Committee, Washington, DC, Intern, 2005
- University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill
  - UNC Broun National Trial Team, 2009–2011
  - Notes Editor, *North Carolina Journal of Law and Technology*, 2010–2011
  - Recipient, Gressman-Pollitt Award for Excellence in Oral Advocacy, 2009
  - First Place Team, Kilpatrick Stockton Mock Trial Competition, best attorney honor, 2009
  - Domestic Violence Law Clinic, Student Attorney, 2010
- University of North Carolina at Asheville
  - Student Body President, 2006–2007
  - Member, Board of Trustees, 2006–2007