

# Richard L. Farley

## Senior Counsel

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### Practices

FOCUS: Litigation  
Antitrust and Competition  
Commercial Litigation  
Employment Litigation and Counseling  
Entrepreneurial Ventures  
Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation  
Trademarks and Trademark Litigation

### Industries

Construction  
Family Offices  
Insurance and Risk Management  
Private Client Services  
Sports and Sports Facilities

### Education

JD, The University of North Carolina School of Law, *with honors*  
BA, University of South Carolina, *cum laude*

### Bar Admissions

North Carolina  
South Carolina

### Court Admissions

US Supreme Court  
US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit  
US District Court, Western District of North Carolina  
US District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina  
US District Court, Middle District of North Carolina  
US District Court, District of South Carolina

Richard L. Farley serves as deputy counsel to the firm. Richard helps businesses and their owners across industries avoid and solve the problems, disputes and controversies that can impact their bottom lines. He counsels clients on managing risk in the structuring of contracts and transactions to avoid disputes. When disputes arise, he works closely with his clients to develop appropriate strategies for litigation or voluntary resolution in light of their business goals and potential risks.

### Reducing and resolving business disputes — up to and including litigation

Richard knows that understanding his client's business is the first step to preventing disputes and resolving disputes strategically and assertively. Richard's litigation practice focuses on general business and contractual disputes, with significant experience in construction, fraud and unfair trade practices, real estate, zoning and restrictive covenants, director and fiduciary liability, derivative and shareholder disputes, employment and noncompetition covenants, trade secrets, wills and trusts, trademarks, insurance coverage and extra-contractual liability.

He also counsels on construction and commercial foreclosure matters and provides a full range of services to the motorsports industry, including drivers, teams, sponsors and suppliers. In addition, he provides contract and license negotiation and drafting to a variety of industries.

Richard began his career working at a small general practice firm, representing local businesses and their entrepreneur owners for more than 10 years, where he participated in every area of practice and business. He continues to maintain that personal touch in his practice.

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## Community Involvements

UNC Law Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors

## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2016–2024

## News

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- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Honored With Two Pro Bono Awards in Charlotte (June 16, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- Katten Wins Significant Victory in "Bet the Business" Fraud and Breach of Contract Suit (March 2018)
- Katten Selected as the "Go-To" Firm for Sports Law in Chicago (July 27, 2017)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)

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## Publications

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- *The Katten Kattwalk* (Triannual) | *Contributor*
- 2009 Year-End Intellectual Property Issues Advisory (December 2009)

## Presentations and Events

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- 2008 Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition (January 24–25, 2008)