



Richard L. Farley

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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 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, employment and noncompetition covenants, trade secrets, wills and trusts and trademarks.

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.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Commercial Litigation, 2016–2026

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation and Counseling
- Fiduciary and Private Client Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Trademarks and Trademark Litigation

Industries

- Construction
- Entrepreneurial Ventures
- 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

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News

- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Celebrates 25th Annual Pro Bono Service Awards (October 25, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- 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)

Publications

- 2009 Year-End Intellectual Property Issues Advisory (December 2009)

- US District Court, District of South Carolina

Community Involvements

- UNC Law Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors