



Bruce Ashley

Retired Partner

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Bruce had a dynamic practice that focused on eminent domain, construction and real estate litigation, as well as representation of municipalities and other public entities on their unique legal needs.

He also provided counsel on dispute prevention and resolution in all facets of real property law and represented a range of clients on leasing disputes and other real property matters.

Representative Experience

- Obtained \$4.6 million for an individual property owner in a condemnation dispute with the NCDOT (initial offer was \$0).
- Obtained more than \$1.5 million from the NCDOT for 112 townhome owners affected by a major highway project (initial offer was \$0).
- Obtained \$1.35 million from the NCDOT for damages to an apartment complex caused by a major highway project (initial offer was \$250,000).
- Obtained \$1.25 million from the NCDOT for damages to an assisted living facility damaged by a road widening (initial offer was \$125,000).
- Represented several national and regional REITs in apartment complex litigations.
- Represented large North Carolina municipalities in litigation and consulting matters.
- Represented owners, developers and contractors in construction arbitration and litigation.

Services

- Litigation
- Eminent Domain, Condemnation & Real Estate Valuation
- Construction
- Real Estate

Before Fox Rothschild

Bruce was a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, a large Southeast firm where he spent the first 32 years of his career before combining with Fox Rothschild in November 2018.

While attending the University of North Carolina for his undergraduate degree, Bruce was a pitcher on the 1982 ACC champion baseball team.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Bruce had been a member of the Executive Committee for Congressman Mark Walker (NC - 6th District) since 2015. He was also Vice President of City Help of the Triad, which serves as a clearinghouse for community activities by churches in the Triad region of North Carolina.

Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Education

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (A.B., 1983)
- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1986)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Forum on the Construction Industry
- North Carolina Bar Association
 - Construction Law Section
 - Government & Public Sector Section
 - Litigation Section

Board of Directors

- Greensboro Urban Ministry, past board member, 1994-1998

Honors & Awards

- North Carolina *Super Lawyers*, Construction Litigation (2009-2013)
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Construction Law (2009-2019, 2021-2026) and Litigation - Construction (2011-2026) in Greensboro, NC by *Best Lawyers*
- Martindale-Hubbell's top (AV) Peer Review Rating
- *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite, Construction Law (2008, 2009, 2014-2016), Real Estate Law (2011)
- Recipient, Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service
- ACC Academic Honor Roll