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La-Deidre counsels private sector, government and municipal clients throughout the litigation process.

She has particular experience assisting clients with obtaining zoning and permitting approvals from governmental bodies for mixed-use, office, retail, industrial, residential and municipal projects. She also advises local governments in real estate disputes.

Services

- Litigation
- Zoning & Land Use
- Real Estate

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, La-Deidre was an associate in the Litigation Defense and Land Use divisions of a law firm with offices throughout the South. During law school, she worked as a public policy intern for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and an extern for the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General and the Honorable Cheri Beasley of the North Carolina Supreme Court. She also worked as a liaison for a jury management company. After earning her law degree, La-Deidre conducted legal research as a Postdoctoral Legal Fellow for the Office of General Counsel at UNC-Chapel Hill.

In law school, La-Deidre was a member of the UNC Law Broun National Trial Team, President of the Education Law and Policy Society, a Parliamentarian for the Student Bar Association and a research assistant for the Youth Justice Clinic.

Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law (J.D., 2018)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A., 2013)

Memberships

- John S. Leary Association of Black Attorneys
 - Co-Vice Chair (2020-23)
- Mecklenburg County Bar
 - Ayscue Professionalism Award Committee
 - Bar Leadership Institute Committee (2023-24)
 - Bar Leadership Institute, Class of 2022
 - Diversity & Inclusion Committee (former member)
 - Pipeline Subcommittee
- North Carolina Association of Municipal Attorneys
- North Carolina Bar Association
 - Zoning, Planning & Land Use Council

Board of Directors

- Mecklenburg County Bar Foundation Board of Directors (2023-26)
- Great Opportunities and Boundless Innovations for Girls (GO BIG) public charter elementary school, Founding Board Member (Through 2024)

Honors & Awards

- Named an "On the Rise in North Carolina Honoree" by the *Daily Report* (2026)
- Named to "Excellence in Law: Phenoms" list by *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* (2025)
- Selected to the "40 Under 40" list by the *Charlotte Business Journal* (2024)
- Recognized in *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite for Real Estate (2024-2026)

Publications

March 29, 2023

Prove It! Lessons Learned From Recent N.C. Business Court Rulings on Fee Requests

North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys