

JUDGE ALBERT DIAZ
North Carolina Business Court
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EXPERIENCE

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
Charlotte, North Carolina

November 2001-Present

Serve on trial court of general jurisdiction. Presiding judge in over 100 civil/criminal jury and bench trials throughout the state of North Carolina. Rule on pretrial motions and prepare written orders. Serve as one of three North Carolina Business Court Judges. Present continuing judicial education courses at Conference of North Carolina Superior Court Judges. Serve as faculty member for orientation of new superior court judges.

TRIAL ATTORNEY
Hunton & Williams
Charlotte & Raleigh, North Carolina

August 1995-October 2001

Handled general commercial litigation--trial and appellate--for international law firm. Represented clients in cases involving construction law, bankruptcy, international commercial law, labor law, professional malpractice, insurance law, copyright and trademark law, lender liability, consumer finance, energy and telecommunications, and environmental law. Appeared in state and federal trial and appellate courts, arbitration hearings, and mediations. Supervised document discovery for complex business cases, including preparation of document databases.

APPELLATE GOVERNMENT COUNSEL
Office Of The Judge Advocate General
Washington, D.C.

October 1991-July 1995

Represented United States in criminal appeals before the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and U.S. Supreme Court. Drafted over 200 briefs and made 18 oral arguments. Drafted briefs in opposition to certiorari petitions. Collaborated with Solicitor General in drafting brief and preparing for oral argument in court-martial appeal heard by U.S. Supreme Court. Served as member of capital litigation team responsible for briefing and arguing death penalty appeals. Rated top appellate advocate in the division. Awarded two decorations for outstanding meritorious service.

TRIAL AND REVIEW ATTORNEY
Marine Corps Base
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

November 1988-September 1991

Prosecuted courts-martial and represented clients in over 80 felony and misdemeanor jury and bench trials. Supervised three attorneys and 10 staff in the processing of a daily docket of over 100 criminal cases.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D. 1988

Senior Casebook Editor, Moot Court Board

Recipient: Funded Law Education Scholarship

Moot Court Advocacy Award

American Jurisprudence Award: Creditors' Rights and Debtors' Protection

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY

M.S. Business Administration, 1993

WHARTON SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

B.S. Economics, 1983

Recipient: Four year NROTC Scholarship

ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS & ACTIVITIES

“The Least Among Us,” Mecklenburg County Bar Newsletter, March 2005
“Professionalism,” Mecklenburg County Bar Newsletter, July 2003
Speaker, “Forum Selection—Has the Business Court Changed the Equation,” North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, June 2007
Speaker, “An Introduction to Business Courts,” ABA Business Law Section, March 2007
Speaker, “Minorities in the Law,” Charlotte School of Law, February 2007
Speaker, “Business Court Perspectives,” American College of Trial Lawyers, February 2007
Speaker, “Increasing Diversity in the Legal Profession,” Mecklenburg County Bar, February 2007
Speaker, “Diversity Matters,” Mecklenburg County Bar, February 2007
Speaker, “All-Star Trial Advocacy, Mecklenburg County Bar, January 2007
Speaker, “Orientation for New Superior Court Judges, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, Dec. 2006
Speaker, “North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act,” Conference of North Carolina Superior Court Judges, June 2006
Speaker, “Beyond the Basics of Civil Litigation, North Carolina Bar Association, May 2006
Speaker, “Nuts and Bolts of Practice in the Business Court,” Sole Practitioner/Small Firm Section, Mecklenburg County Bar, May 2006
Speaker, “Business Court Update,” Conference of North Carolina Superior Court Judges, October 2005
Speaker, “Deposition Evidence,” Joint session, Conference of North Carolina Superior Court Judges and Litigation Section, North Carolina Bar Association, June 2005
Speaker, “Update on Civil Practice Basics,” Mecklenburg County Bar, February 2005
Speaker, “Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,” Conference of North Carolina Superior Court Judges, November 2004
Speaker, “South Carolina Oath Affirmation Program,” North Carolina Bar Association, November 2004
Co-Course Planner, “All-Star Trial of a Business Case,” North Carolina Bar Association, May 2004
Secretary, Justice Bobbitt Inn of Court, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2004-Present
Member, American College of Business Court Judges, 2005-Present
Member, State Judicial Council, 2001-2002
Vice-President, North Carolina Bar Association, June 2007-Present
Member, Litigation Section Council, North Carolina Bar Association, 2003-2007
Member, Conference of State Trial Judges, American Bar Association, 2001-Present
Member, Business and Commercial Courts Committee, ABA Conference of State Trial Judges, 2004-Present
Member, Minorities in the Profession Committee, North Carolina Bar Association, 1998-Present
Member, Hispanic-Latino Lawyers Committee, North Carolina Bar Association, 1998-Present
Member, Special Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession, Mecklenburg County Bar, 2005-Present
Member, Board Nominating Committee, Mecklenburg County Bar, 2006-Present
Member, Hispanic National Bar Association, 2004-Present
Presiding Judge, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Truancy Court (Aug 2005-Present)
Presiding Judge, National High School Mock Trial Championships, May 2005
Presiding Judge, Mecklenburg County Drug Treatment Court, 2002-Present
Adjunct Faculty, Central Piedmont Community College, 2006-Present

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

NEW YORK (1989), DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (1990) and NORTH CAROLINA (1995)

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LT. COLONEL

1995-2006

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (Ret.)

March 2005-October 2006: Reserve Appellate Judge, U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. Presided over oral arguments and prepared opinions resolving appeals of service members convicted of criminal offenses at courts-martial.

May 2000-February 2005: Reserve Military Judge, U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, Piedmont Judicial Circuit, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Served as presiding judge in courts-martial cases.

October 1995-April 2000: Reserve appellate defense counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D.C. Represented over 200 clients in criminal appeals before the military appellate courts. Rated top reserve appellate advocate in the division. Received Reserve Navy Judge Advocate General's "Award of Excellence" for outstanding meritorious service.