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Richard Rivera focuses his practice in the areas of professional negligence, tort defense, and internal investigations. He routinely represents hospitals, physicians, nurses, allied medical professionals, and their insurers. He has litigation experience in both trial and appellate courts.

Prior to joining Parker Poe, Richard served on active duty as a captain and attorney in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps of the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and Fort Lee, Virginia. After serving five years in the United States Army, Richard joined Parker Poe in 2003.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented hospitals, physicians, and others in professional malpractice defense and risk management.
- Defended physicians, nurses, and/or hospitals at trial in cases involving anesthesia, obstetrics and gynecology, pulmonary embolism, pediatrics, and surgery.
- Counseled clients on personal injury, wrongful death, and property damage claims.
- Represented nursing homes in negligence claims.
- Represented physicians, nurses, and other professionals before various licensing boards.
- Provided counsel on insurance coverage disputes.
- Advised clients on internal investigations, including the investigation of health care fraud and abuse by a major manufacturer of medical devices, the investigation of fraud claims against an international construction company, and the investigation of violations of environmental statutes by a textile manufacturer.

CLIENT ALERTS

- "N.C. Governor Signs Law Limiting Liability for Health Care Workers," May 2020



CHARLOTTE OFFICE



PRACTICE AREAS

Professional Negligence
 Defense
 Litigation
 Medical Malpractice
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EDUCATION

Wake Forest University
 JD, 1997
 Davidson College
 BA, *cum laude*, 1994



ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 1997



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- "Liability Limited for Health Care Workers Amid COVID-19," April 2020

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Medical Malpractice Law: Defendants, 2016-2020; Personal Injury Litigation: Defendants, 2018-2020
- *The Best Lawyers in America* "Lawyer of the Year" in Charlotte for Medical Malpractice Law: Defendants, 2018
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2009-2012

MEMBERSHIPS

- Defense Research Institute, Member
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Member