



## Jonathan E. Hall

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Jonathan Hall is a partner in the firm's Professional Negligence & Product Liability Defense Group, where he brings more than 25 years of jury trial experience in cases involving wrongful death, catastrophic injuries, commercial and employment disputes, and other high-exposure matters. Although he has enjoyed success trying cases involving a broad range of disputes, his practice is focused primarily in the areas of product liability, medical malpractice, and the defense of utilities in cases of catastrophic injuries and deaths arising from electrical contact incidents. He has tried civil lawsuits in state and federal courts across North Carolina, having taken dozens of cases to jury verdicts over the course of his career. He also has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution.

Outside of his injury practice, Jonathan has trial experience in cases involving commercial disputes, including employment law, trade secrets, breach of contract, and insurance coverage issues. He has successfully defended insurance companies through trials in cases of alleged bad faith claims handling.

Over the past 15 years, he has tried cases involving horrible injuries and damages arising out of electrical fires, arson, and explosions. He has worked extensively with expert witnesses from an array of specialties. He defends one of the largest power companies in the Southeast in cases of electric shock accidents, electrocutions, and reliability issues.

In his product liability practice, Jonathan represents manufacturers and retailers of products and components, including industrial equipment, durable medical equipment, children's toys, automobiles, and trucks. In addition to defending clients against lawsuits, he counsels manufacturers to develop preventive strategies through product warnings and marketing tools geared toward minimizing exposure and avoiding claims prior to bringing a product to the marketplace.

On the professional negligence side, Jonathan has tried cases of alleged medical malpractice and legal malpractice to verdicts. He has experience representing medical professionals before their various licensing boards in North Carolina.

Jonathan is one of seven kids. He spent most of his developmental and college years playing sports, and he loves to be around people. He is married



### RALEIGH OFFICE



### PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation  
Product Liability & Mass  
Tort  
Medical Malpractice  
Defense



### EDUCATION

Wake Forest University  
JD, 1993  
University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill  
BA, 1989



### ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 1993  
Virginia, 2018  
U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the Fourth Circuit  
U.S. District Court – Eastern  
District of North Carolina  
U.S. District Court –  
Western District of North  
Carolina  
U.S. District Court – Middle  
District of North Carolina



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and is the proud father of three kids who have grown up way too quickly. His pleasures include spending time with family and friends, the mountains and beaches of North Carolina, college sports, and playing golf whenever he has the chance.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Yates v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Company – Obtained jury verdict in federal court in favor of commercial insurance carrier in bad faith case involving arson to a commercial building.
- Estate of Miller v. Invacare Corporation – Obtained defense verdict in products liability action brought against manufacturer of self-propelled electric wheelchair which was alleged to have developed a short circuit in its wiring, resulting in a flash fire which took the life of the chair's user, a 70-year-old woman who lived alone. Defendant overcame graphic, emotional testimony of responding firefighters and well-choreographed adverse expert opinions to convince the jury that the product was free from defects and likely did not cause the fire.
- Confidential plaintiff v. Eli Lilly – Defended pharmaceutical company in lawsuit related to claims of suicide caused by prescription anti-depressant. Obtained voluntary dismissal after limited discovery.
- Hopper v. Werner Co. – Obtained defense verdict in products liability action against the world's largest manufacturer of climbing products. Plaintiffs alleged that a 28-foot extension ladder contained a manufacturing defect which caused one of the ladder's side rails to fail under a load, resulting in serious injuries to a father and son who were using the ladder to clear tree branches from an overhead power line which spanned their property.
- BCJ Trucking v. PACCAR, Inc. – Obtained dismissal on behalf of a manufacturer of 30 tractor trailer trucks in multimillion-dollar case alleging defects in the design and manufacture of diesel fuel emissions control systems.
- Pfirman v. Invacare Corporation – Obtained dismissal on behalf of a bedrail manufacturer in a bedrail entrapment case where Plaintiff's family



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member perished as a result of strangulation after nursing home staff improperly attempted to use bedrails as a patient restraint.

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Product Liability: Risk Management and When to Go to Trial," DRI Annual Product Liability Conference , February 2017

### HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Personal Injury Litigation: Defendants, Insurance Litigation, 2016-2020
- Martindale Hubbell peer review AV rated lawyer
- Named one of top 11 products liability lawyers in the country, 2013 BTI Client Services Group
- Invacare Corporation, Outside Counsel of the Year, 2010

### MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Board of Directors, 2019-2022; Product Liability Section, Chair, 2018-2019, Vice Chair, 2017
- Defense Research Institute, Products Liability Section, Trial Techniques & Technology Specialized Litigation Group, Chair, 2018-2019, Vice Chair, 2016-2017
- North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society, Board of Trustees, 2017-present
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Wake County Bar Association