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Charles Raynal litigates business cases in federal and state courts, arbitrations, and government agency proceedings. He has extensive experience representing public and private companies, including their directors and officers, in corporate governance and shareholder lawsuits alleging violations of federal and state securities laws.

Charles has successfully defended clients in multi-plaintiff and class action lawsuits in state and federal courts in many different jurisdictions around the country. This class action experience includes securities litigation, consumer class actions, and financial services litigation. In addition, he routinely represents broker-dealers in FINRA arbitrations, including employment cases and customer disputes.

Charles also has significant experience representing clients in a range of real estate litigation matters. He has tried and handled appeals in multimillion-dollar real estate cases. He has managed large eminent domain projects, and he has tried numerous property tax cases. Additionally, Charles represents clients before state administrative agencies and regulatory boards, including the Department of Insurance, Secretary of State Securities Division, and Department of Revenue.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Served as national defense counsel in class action lawsuits asserting claims for consumer protection, fraud, civil conspiracy, and civil RICO, among others, and pending in more than 10 jurisdictions. See, e.g., *Petruzzo v. Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, PA*, No. 5:12-CV-113-FL (E.D.N.C. May 22, 2015); *Watson v. Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa.*, No. CIV.A. 14-1312 (E.D. La. Sept. 29, 2015).
- Successfully defended a financial institution and its officers and directors in a putative class action lawsuit in federal court in South Carolina asserting breach of fiduciary duty claims and violations of the securities laws (2014).
- Obtained \$18.79 million federal court judgment, affirmed by the Fourth Circuit, on behalf of a global agrochemical company and against a Class I railroad company in a real estate and contract dispute. *PCS Phosphate Company, Inc. v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company*, Nos. 08-1266, 08-1285 (4th Cir. 2009).
- Obtained a dismissal with prejudice of Rule 10b-5 securities claims asserted in a putative class action against a “Big Four” accounting firm.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
 Real Estate Litigation
 Eminent Domain &
 Condemnation
 Government & Public
 Policy
 Antitrust & Trade
 Regulation
 Class Action Defense



EDUCATION

Wake Forest University
 JD, 2000
 Davidson College
 BA, 1995



ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 2004
 Georgia, 2000



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See *In re aaiPharma Securities Litigation*, 521 F.Supp.2d 507 (E.D.N.C. 2007).

- Secured multiple defense verdicts for broker-dealers and financial institutions in arbitration proceedings, including in alleged \$8 million wrongful termination, breach of contract, and defamation claim in a FINRA arbitration proceeding.
- Represented banks, insurance companies, and other Fortune 500 companies in a range of business disputes that include Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) cases, unfair and deceptive trade practice cases, trade secret cases, and other business torts.
- Represented companies and their officers and directors in litigation involving investment matters including private placement securities offerings.

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Commercial Litigation, Real Estate Law, 2013-2021
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Future Star in North Carolina, 2015-2021
- *Triangle Business Journal's* 40 Under 40, 2013
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2009-2013
- *Business North Carolina* magazine's "Legal Elite" in Litigation, 2012; Young Guns, 2009
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ in Business Litigation; Real Estate Litigation; Arbitration; Eminent Domain; Property Tax; Government
- Order of the Barristers

MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Bar Association, Board of Governors, 2019-2022; Executive Committee, 2019-present
- North Carolina Bar Foundation, Board of Directors, 2019-present; Executive Committee, 2019-present
- Wake Forest University School of Law, Board of Visitors, 2019-present



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