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Steve Carey's practice focuses on complex litigation and appeals, regulatory counseling, and government enforcement matters. He represents companies, financial institutions, municipalities and local governments, universities, health care providers, and individuals in high-stakes litigation and regulatory actions, including class actions. His litigation experience includes cases involving unfair and deceptive trade practices, securities fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, trade secrets theft, breach of contract, and various federal statutes, including the APA, ERISA, Dodd-Frank, and the False Claims Act. He is experienced at the trial and appellate levels of federal and state courts, including the North Carolina Business Court.

Steve also advises clients in connection with government investigations and enforcement matters, including financial institutions, business associations, automobile lenders, and major universities. This includes investigations and enforcement matters conducted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Education, and state regulators and attorneys general.

Before joining Parker Poe, Steve spent more than five years with WilmerHale in its Washington, D.C., office. Before that, he clerked for the Honorable Harris Hartz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, as well as the Honorable Mary McLaughlin of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Steve graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and served as an editor on the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Litigation

- Represented a global insurance company in several lawsuits over an alleged Ponzi scheme.
- Defended several municipalities in class action litigation concerning the assessment of water and sewer fees.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
 Administrative Law
 Antitrust & Trade
 Regulation
 Fintech
 Government & Public
 Policy
 Government Investigations
 & White Collar Defense



EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania
 JD, *magna cum laude*, 2009
 Boston College
 BA, *magna cum laude*, 2001



ADMISSIONS

North Carolina
 New York
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- Represented assisted living facilities in a putative class action involving facility staffing.
- Defended an IT consulting company in litigation involving breach of contract, tortious interference with contract, and unfair and deceptive trade practices claims.
- Defended a major insurance provider against class claims brought under ERISA.
- Represented the landowner of one the United States' largest ski resorts in a lease dispute in Utah state court.
- Represented a national health care provider in a successful rule challenge under the APA.
- Represented a major business association as amicus challenging a joint federal agency rule promulgated under Dodd-Frank.
- Represented a government contractor in a suit involving former employees' theft of intellectual property.
- Represented a national passenger railroad in a first-of-its-kind agency proceeding.
- Defended a social networking provider in litigation involving user privacy and national security.

Government Enforcement & Regulation

Anti-Money Laundering & Related Issues

- Defended an individual against a federal enforcement action by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) involving cross-border finance.

Fair Lending

- Counseled and advised financial institutions in compliance, investigation, and enforcement matters involving ECOA and Regulation B, the FHA, the ADA, and other fair lending and civil rights laws.
- Represented a captive automobile lender in investigations by the CFPB and U.S. Department of Justice involving alleged disparate impact resulting from lending practices.

Mortgage Servicing



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- Counseled and advised financial institutions in compliance, investigation, and enforcement matters related to the CFPB's mortgage servicing rules.

Higher Education

- Advised several major universities on litigation, regulatory, and policy matters involving civil rights and employment, with a particular focus on Title IX, FERPA, and the Clery Act.
- Counseled colleges and universities in their handling of sexual misconduct complaints.

CLIENT ALERTS

- "After Congress Kills CFPB Arbitration Rule, What's Next?", October 2017
- "What Financial Firms, Fintech Companies Need to Know About New CFPB Guidance," October 2017
- "CFPB's New Arbitration Rule and How It'll Likely Be Challenged," July 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- "Which Class Action Question Will Justices Decide?", Law360, December 2018
- "High Court Inclusive Communities Ruling: 1 Year Later," Law360, August 2016

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "When Contracts Attack," N.C. Bar Association Antitrust & Complex Business Disputes Law Section Annual Meeting, February 2020
- "2018 in Review: N.C. and S.C. Complex Cases," Carolinas Business Litigation Year in Review, February 2019



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