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Don Esposito advises nonprofit and for-profit hospitals and health care systems on the full scope of their legal needs. He has a deep understanding of the perspective of in-house counsel, having spent more than a decade as the top legal officer for billion-dollar health care systems in North Carolina.

Health care executives, board members, and providers turn to Don for help navigating a wide breadth of legal and business issues. He has helped drive the growth of health care systems, including overseeing and coordinating the legal aspects of a \$1.5 billion transaction between Mission Health and HCA Healthcare. He has also steered in-house teams through complex compliance issues and resolved a broad variety of disputes, including with insurers and government agencies. He brings a creative approach to his clients' needs, having assisted in the formation of a venture capital fund to foster innovation within a system, as well as the creation of the largest per capita health care foundation in the United States.

Prior to joining Parker Poe, Don served as general counsel for Mission Health, which encompassed hospitals and other operations throughout an 18-county region in western North Carolina. He has also served as general counsel of UNC REX Healthcare, which included hospitals and other operations in Wake County and the surrounding region. Earlier in his career, Don served as an assistant attorney general for the North Carolina Department of Justice.

Outside of work, he enjoys reading U.S. history, traveling with his family, and watching soccer, college basketball, and his daughters' various sporting events.

HONORS

- Leadership North Carolina, 2009-2010
- *Triangle Business Journal's* 40 Under 40, 2009
- Leadership Triangle, 2007
- North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership, 2000
- Leadership Charlotte, 1997
- UNC-Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholar, 1991



RALEIGH OFFICE



PRACTICE AREAS

- Administrative Law
- Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- Governance, Risk & Compliance
- Litigation
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Joint Ventures



EDUCATION

- Harvard University
JD, *cum laude*, 1995
- University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
BA, with highest honors and
highest distinction, 1991



ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina



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- Phi Beta Kappa

MEMBERSHIPS

- Wake Education Partnership, Board of Directors, 2007-2017, Chair, 2016-2017
- North Carolina Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference