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Elizabeth Scott represents manufacturers and long-term care providers in personal injury, products liability, business, and insurance coverage litigation and appeals.

In addition to her role as a trial and appellate lawyer, Elizabeth is certified by the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission to mediate civil suits and serves as a mediator in cases pending in North Carolina civil superior courts and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina. Clients can benefit from the negotiation skills that Elizabeth has developed through her years of service as both a client advocate and mediator. She is especially qualified to assist clients seeking arbitration, mediation, and other cost-efficient alternatives to the standard jury trial.

Before joining private practice, Elizabeth clerked on both the North Carolina Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Elizabeth calls upon her knowledge of the North Carolina appellate court system from her past clerkships and her former service on the Appellate Rules Study Committee when representing clients on appeals.

Elizabeth was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1986 and is admitted to practice in all three U.S. District Courts for the state of North Carolina, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Elizabeth is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA), and she served on the bar association's Minorities in the Profession Committee from 2006 through 2009 and as a past co-chair of the Litigation Section Council Ethics Committee. She currently serves on the NCBA's Dispute Resolution Council and is a past member of the NCBA's Insurance Section Council.

Elizabeth is also a member of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys and the Defense Research Institute. She is a past member of the North Carolina District Export Council.

Elizabeth is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, its highest rating available. Elizabeth has been named a "Local Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation* (2008-present) and has been recognized among their "Top 250 Women in Litigation" (2011-2015).

She is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2010-present) for Commercial Litigation and Trusts and Estates Litigation, and she was named the *Best Lawyers*® Raleigh "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Trusts and Estates in the 2020 edition. She is also listed in *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (2012-present), including on its Top 50: Women list (2016-present), and in *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" (2018-present). In 2008, she was named a "Woman Extraordinaire" by *Business Leader Magazine*, and, in 2009, she received the *Triangle Business Journal's* "Women in Business" Award.

Elizabeth has served as chair of Williams Mullen's Women's Initiative since 2012 and on its Diversity & Inclusion Committee since 2007. As chair of the Women's Initiative, Elizabeth also serves as liaison to the firm's board of directors. In the community, Elizabeth currently serves on the North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission. She has been active with White Memorial Presbyterian Church as a former Deacon and also serves on the board of directors for StepUp Ministries.

Elizabeth received her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Practice Areas

- Product Liability / Mass Tort Litigation
- Complex Business Litigation
- Long-Term Care Facilities Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Fiduciary Litigation
- International
- Petroleum Refining & Marketing
- Insurance
- Litigation
- Hospitality
- Health Care Litigation
- Manufacturing
- Post-Acute and Long-Term Care

Education

- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Law (J.D.)
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (B.A.)

Professional Affiliations

- Defense Research Institute ? Products Liability Committee; Insurance Law Committee; Trucking Law Committee
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
- North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission

- North Carolina Bar Association ? Minorities in the Profession Committee (2006-2009); Co-Chair, Litigation Section Council Ethics Committee
- Wake County Bar Association ? Fee Dispute Committee (1999-2007)

Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell ? AV-Rated
- *Benchmark Litigation* ? "Litigation Star" (2008-present)
- *Benchmark Litigation* ? "Top 250 Women in Litigation" (2011-2015)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® ? Commercial Litigation, Trusts & Estates Litigation (2010-present)
- *Best Lawyers*® ? Raleigh "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2020)
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (2012-present); Named to Top 50: Women list (2016-present)
- *Business North Carolina* ? "Legal Elite," Litigation (2018-present)
- N.C. Pro Bono Resource Center ? 2018 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society
- *Business Leader* ? "Woman Extraordinaire" (2008)
- *Triangle Business Journal* ? "Women in Business" Award (2009)