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Camden Webb fulfills two roles for Williams Mullen's clients: leading the firm's Firearms Industry Group and handling our clients' tough litigation matters.

In leading Williams Mullen's firearms practice, Camden coordinates the firm's representation of members of the firearms industry, including manufacturers, retailers and government contractors. The firm also assists businesses outside the firearms industry with matters such as the unique issues faced by lenders to the firearms industry and employers who must implement policies regarding employees' possession and use of firearms.

Camden's approach is practical and innovative, focusing on concrete, business-oriented solutions that help clients navigate this highly complex area of the law, including issues under the National Firearms Act, the Gun Control Act and state gun laws. Camden also chairs U.S. Senator Thom Tillis' Second Amendment Advisory Group, which is comprised of constituents who provide input to the senator on firearms issues.

As a partner in the firm's Litigation Practice, Camden also represents clients in difficult litigation matters. Camden's experience includes intra-corporate and intra-partnership disputes; conflicts arising from corporate transactions; and litigation involving financial institutions. Camden is also a member of the firm's White Collar and Investigations Team, and, in this role, he represents clients in the health care, financial services and firearms industries.

Camden seeks early and efficient resolution of disputes and applies legal project management principles to case analysis and strategy, staffing, information management and budgeting to increase the efficiency of case management and to maximize the predictability of litigation expenses. And, when the circumstances require it, Camden takes cases to trial to assert his clients' rights.

Camden is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, and he helped found the Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, serving as its founding president.

Before joining Williams Mullen, Camden was a U.S. Army officer, serving as a judge. Camden maintains his connection to the Armed Services through his pro bono work, assisting organizations such as Hope for the Warriors and The Duskin and Stephens Foundation.

Camden received a Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Richmond. He earned his Juris Doctor degree, *with honors*, from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Practice Areas

- Firearms Industry
- White Collar and Investigations
- Financial Services Litigation
- Consumer Finance
- Litigation
- Banking & Financial Services

- Financial Services
- Manufacturing
- Class Action Litigation
- ATF Compliance and Enforcement

Experience

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Firearms Industry and Second Amendment

- Represented firearms industry members regarding ATF inspections, investigations by the Department of State, Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance, and potential regulatory action stemming from such inspections and investigations.
- Addressed ATF NFA Branch regulations and procedures; voluntary disclosures under ITAR; ITAR technical data access; ATF theft-loss reporting; and ATF A&D / bound book procedures.
- Assisted the firm's clients with tailoring their business operations to ensure compliance with applicable laws.
- Advised e-commerce retailers on terms and conditions of firearms sales over the internet and on challenges posed by shipping to states and localities that restrict firearms and ammunition sales.
- Advised a government contractor on the proper steps for transporting NFA-regulated firearms in support of its Department of Defense training mission.
- Represented a federal firearms licensee in license revocation proceedings.
- Defended a firearms industry member against allegations of trademark infringement.
- Provided advice to firearms industry members regarding banking regulations and relationships in light of restrictions on lending to the industry.
- Advised businesses outside the firearms industry on gun laws, including firearms laws that affect the employer-employee relationship such as state statutes allowing employees to possess firearms in their vehicles on company property.
- Litigated Second Amendment issues, including plaintiffs in cases challenging North Carolina's concealed handgun permit statute.
- Submitted an *amicus curiae* brief in *Byrd v. Franklin County, North Carolina*, which was a case heard by the North Carolina Supreme Court involving a county's decision to prohibit a shooting range. His work focused on the Second Amendment implications of a ban on ranges.

Banking and Financial Services Representation

- Defended a mortgage company and its principal in a civil RICO action brought by the FDIC as the receiver for a failed bank, in which the FDIC alleged that the mortgage company had sold bad

mortgages to the bank. The case was settled quickly.

- Directed the internal investigation for a bank regarding a bank employee's embezzlement offunds. Working with bank executives and federal law enforcement, we identified the suspicious transactions, advised on compliance with bank security laws and changes to bank procedures to improve security, and handled all customer claims arising out of the incident, and the court granted restitution on behalf of the bank during the employee's criminal proceedings.
- Defended a class action lawsuit under the federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act. The suit presented a novel question of law under the FDCPA, and the U.S. District Court dismissed the case prior to the clients having to file an answer to the complaint. That dismissal was upheld on appeal. As a result, the clients avoided entirely the costs of class certification and discovery.
- Represented the holder of a letter of credit whose claim on the LOC was denied by the FDIC after the FDIC seized the bank that issued the letter of credit. The case was settled.
- Currently defending the former directors and officers of a bank that was taken over by the FDIC. The FDIC, as receiver of the bank, has sued, alleging that the former officers and directors were negligent in their lending practices.
- Defended a bank against claims by a commercial borrower (a developer) and its guarantors that the bank had ceased lending to the borrower, thereby causing a housing development to fail. The plaintiffs had sued for \$40 million in damages. After motions practice and extensive discovery, including the discrediting of the borrower's expert witness on bank lending practices, the case was settled under terms that required the borrower and guarantors to pay the bank to resolve the lawsuit.
- Defended an investment services company and its investment advisers against a series of investors' claims stemming from losses in a specific set of securities. Through the FINRA arbitration process, the claims were resolved.
- Currently defending the members of a credit union's supervisory committee (equivalent to a bank's audit committee) against contribution and indemnification claims filed by the credit union's outside auditors.
- Defended a bank against claims by a commercial borrower, who contended that the bank had not received the required authorizations that would bind the borrower regarding the subject loans. The case was designated to the North Carolina Business Court, which dismissed the complaint prior to the filing of an answer. The plaintiff did not appeal, and the bank did not have to incur the costs of discovery.
- Currently defending a mortgage broker against the United States government in a civil False Claims Act case.
- Represented a bank in federal court in New York against a claim by its investment banker that it was owed a success fee. The investment banker contended that the scope of its engagement letter required the bank to pay a success fee even though the bank raised capital with a "friends and family" offering unrelated to the investment banker's services. After discovery and disclosure of facts revealing the intent of the scope provision of the engagement letter, the case was settled.
- Defended a mortgage company against claims by a consumer borrower that the mortgage company had violated North Carolina's mortgage lending statute and unfair and deceptive trade

practices statute. The case was settled.

Selected Trial Experience

- Represented a global credit card issuer in a federal jury trial in a novel case involving violations of North Carolina's Debt Adjusting Act. The credit card issuer's customer had entered into a contract with a debt counselor, but the debt counselor had engaged in practices prohibited by North Carolina law. There was a jury verdict in favor of the credit card issuer against the debt counselor for amounts unpaid by the customer.
- Represented a manufacturing company in a federal lawsuit against the client's former consultant who had transferred trade secrets to a competitor. The case was tried to a jury, which found liability, and the former consultant settled the case before the damages phase of the trial began. When the former consultant attempted to discharge the settlement obligation through bankruptcy, a fraudulent transfer action was litigated in bankruptcy court, and the case was settled.
- Defended at trial a multinational construction company against claims by a subcontractor who bid on a portion of a project but was not awarded the subcontract. At trial, the subcontractor's principal admitted that the subcontractor had knowledge of misrepresentations in the subcontractor's bid package, and the court held against the subcontractor on all issues.
- Represented a close corporation and its principals in a jury trial involving claims by the corporation's former president that his shareholder expectations had been frustrated by his fellow shareholders' ouster of him as president. The former president had, however, signed a contract tendering his shares and resigning as president. Despite his claim that he was forced to sign the contract under duress, there was a jury verdict enforcing the contract and requiring the tendering of shares back to the corporation, thereby defeating the former president's claims.
- Represented a manufacturing company in a two-week AAA commercial arbitration involving claims by a wholesaler that the products manufactured by our client were defective.
- Represented a distributor in a three-week jury trial in state court, in which the distributor alleged that a supplier had breached its distribution contract and misled the distributor about the terms of distribution. There was a jury verdict for breach of contract, unfair and deceptive trade practices, and piercing the corporate veil, holding the owner of the supplier personally liable.

Litigation Relating to Corporate Governance and Transactions

- Represented a company that purchased the assets of a competitor against a creditor's claim of de facto merger. The creditor contended that the purchasing company had in effect merged with the debtor, but after the case was designated to North Carolina Business Court, and summary judgment was granted on behalf of our client on all issues.
- In North Carolina Business Court, represented a close corporation, related LLCs, and their principals in an effort to remove the companies' manager/president from control of the corporation and LLCs. The court ordered such removal.
- Represented a general partner, who had left her partnership years prior, against a claim by a third party for personal injury. The issue was whether the former partner's exit from the partnership was performed in a manner freeing her of liability. After discovery, the case was settled.

- Represented a manufacturing company in AAA arbitration against claims by the seller under an asset purchase agreement. The seller claimed that the purchaser had not paid as promised, despite the seller's non-performance under the terms of the contract.

Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law (J.D.)
with honors
- University of Richmond (B.A.)
magna cum laude

Professional Affiliations

- Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter ? Founding President
- American Bar Association ? Commercial and Business Litigation Committee, UCC Sub-Committee
Co-Chair - Committee on Consumer Financial Services, Member - Committee on Financial Institution Litigation, Member
- Conference on Consumer Finance Law
- Defense Research Institute
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
- North Carolina Bar Association

Awards

- Named among *Business North Carolina* magazine's "Legal Elite" ? Litigation (2016, 2018)
- Named a *Benchmark Litigation* "Local Litigation Star" for North Carolina (2013-present)
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* - (2012-present)
- Named among a Leader in the Law by *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* (2011)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® ? Commercial Litigation (2012-present)
- Named a "Triangle Mover & Shaker" by *Business Leader* magazine (2008)