



Williams Mullen Adds Dirk Lasater to Litigation Practice

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Williams Mullen is pleased to announce that Dirk Lasater has joined the firm as a Litigation Associate in Richmond. Mr. Lasater joins the firm after moving from Charlotte, N.C., where he was an Associate at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. He represents clients in a variety of civil litigation matters, including real estate development, commercial contract, intellectual property and financial services.

"Dirk is a great addition to our team," Litigation practice Chair Turner Broughton said. "He has experience at every step of the litigation process and adds another talented litigator to our team."

Mr. Lasater has extensive experience representing financial institutions in litigation arising from the 2008 financial crisis, and he has defended against claims under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Truth-in-Lending Act (TILA) and various unfair and deceptive trade practice statutes.

Mr. Lasater represents clients in intellectual property management and disputes, and he has assisted technology, medical and startup clients with brand management, procurement of trademarks and copyrights and negotiation of licensing agreements with third parties and governmental entities.

He also maintains an active pro bono practice, and he has represented individuals seeking political asylum, military service members in guardianship proceedings, consumers alleging fraudulent business practices and individuals seeking to secure rights for animals. He also has helped provide cancer patients with advanced medical directives, including living wills and powers of attorney.

Mr. Lasater earned his Juris Doctor degree from Wake Forest University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Florida. He is licensed to practice in North Carolina only.

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