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Pat Meacham is a trial lawyer who focuses on professional negligence and product liability claims. He has represented multiple Fortune 500 companies and been lead counsel in large multiparty mass tort cases.

He has extensive experience in product and premises liability cases. Pat has advised and represented clients after plant explosions, structural collapses, fires, and similar matters. He has tried numerous catastrophic injury cases to verdict, in the process conducting and defending hundreds of party, fact witness, and expert witness depositions. That includes preparing corporate representatives to give sworn testimony. He has managed extensive discovery projects and overseen lengthy trial preparation activities.

Pat has also counseled hospitals and health care providers in professional malpractice actions and administrative hearings before the North Carolina Medical Board. In addition, he has worked closely with hospitals in risk management activities, policy and procedure development, and personnel training.

Earlier in his career, Pat served in the U.S. Department of Justice as special assistant to the administrator in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He has served as an adjunct professor at Campbell's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. While earning his law degree there, he was president of the Student Bar Association.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented Fortune 250 company in litigation resulting from an explosion at a food manufacturing plant. This included managing all aspects of the post-incident site investigation, the company's responses to inquiries by government agencies investigating the incident, and representing the company in OSHA-related proceedings. In addition, oversaw and managed the defense of nine lawsuits alleging personal injury from the incident, including handling of all fact and expert witness discovery, depositions of corporate representatives, and expert recruitment. Tried the first of the lawsuits brought as a result of the incident and obtained dismissal from case after five weeks of trial.
- Represented international medical device manufacturer in national litigation related to injuries caused by alleged product design defects.
- Defended Fortune 250 company in litigation resulting from an explosion at a grain elevator that resulted in significant injuries to several employees and contractors. Representation included expert identification, drafting



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PRACTICE AREAS

Professional Negligence
Defense
Litigation
Product Liability & Mass
Tort
Medical Malpractice
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EDUCATION

Campbell University
JD, 1999
University of Kansas
BA, 1988



ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 1999



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and responding to written discovery, and preparation for and defense of fact and corporate representative depositions.

- Represented health care providers and hospitals in professional malpractice actions and administrative hearings before the North Carolina Medical Board. This includes managing all aspects of written discovery, fact and expert witness depositions, motions practice, and serving as first-chair trial counsel.
- Represented and advised multiple Fortune 500 companies on occupational safety and health issues, including representing clients at informal and formal settlement conferences with North Carolina OSH and appealing citations to the NCOSH Review Commission.
- Defended a leading provider of industrial adhesives in all stages of a noncompete dispute brought by the former employer of a research scientist. This included successfully defeating a motion for temporary restraining order and motions for preliminary and permanent injunctions brought by former employer.

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Medical Malpractice - Defendants, 2021; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2021
- *Business North Carolina* magazine's "Legal Elite" in Litigation, 2015
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review AV Preeminent Rating

MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- Wake County Bar Association
- Spiritual Twist Productions, Board of Directors
- Fuquay Youth Initiative, Board of Directors, Chairman, 2007-2011
- Campbell University, Board of Presidential Advisors, 2009-2012