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JIM D. COOLEY

BIOGRAPHY

With Resolving complex business disputes has been the focus of Jim's practice since joining Womble Bond Dickinson (formerly Womble Carlyle) in 1985. In addition to his many years of litigation experience, including over 50 jury trials, Jim brings a keen understanding of alternate dispute resolution techniques to his clients' problems. He served on the North Carolina Bar Association's Committee (now section) which designed and implemented North Carolina's court-annexed dispute resolution process, and he currently serves on the Council of the Dispute Resolution Section of the NC Bar Association. He has actively participated in the work of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, studying dispute resolution in the construction and financial services industries. Jim has represented clients in hundreds of mediations and arbitrations and is now certified as a mediator in North Carolina, specializing in complex business disputes and class actions. Jim brings to bear a complete arsenal of techniques and skills for evaluating and solving business disputes in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

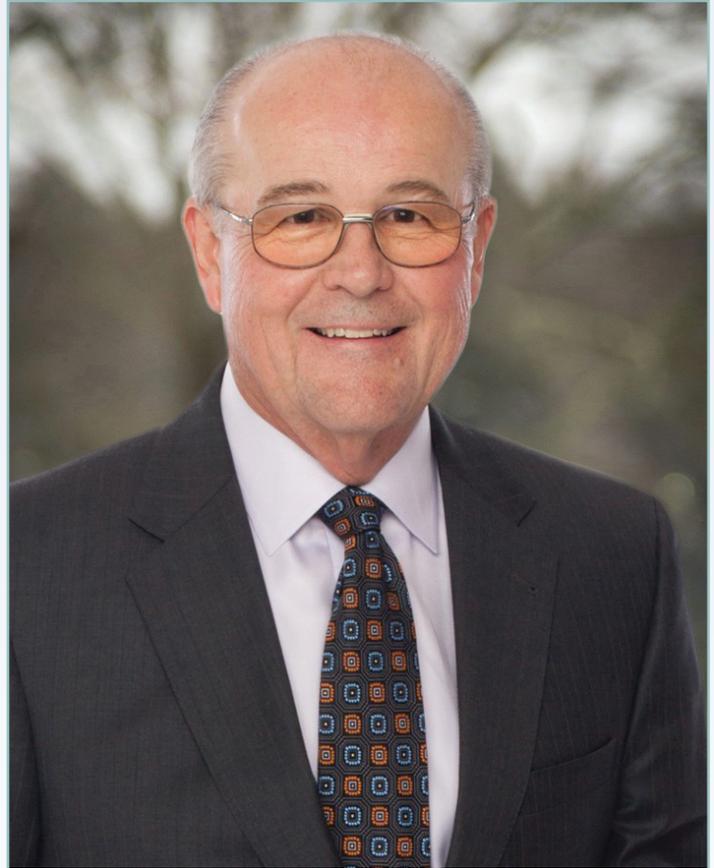
In recent years, Jim's practice has centered on the representation of financial institutions in a broad range of matters arising out of the 2008 financial crisis. He has frequently represented clients in class actions and multidistrict litigation of antitrust, unfair competition, wage and hour and securities fraud claims, numerous corporate and partnership control disputes representing both majority and minority interests, commercial contract disputes for a wide variety of business clients in the United States and abroad, and conducting internal corporate investigations. Jim's interest in constitutional rights litigation continues, primarily on behalf of local governmental bodies.

EDUCATION

- Davidson College, B.A., 1969
- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 1973

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Mecklenburg County Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- International Institution for Conflict Prevention and Resolution



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