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Practices

Government & Public
Policy

Municipalities & Counties

Education

University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill,
JD, 1977

University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill,
BA, 1974

Bar Admissions

North Carolina, 1977

Mac McCarley concentrates his practice in advising local governments and private sector clients in regulatory and public policy matters.

Prior to joining Parker Poe, Mr. McCarley served as City Attorney for the City of Charlotte for 17 years. Before his employment with the City of Charlotte, he held the position of City Attorney with the City of Greenville (NC) for 14 years and served as the Assistant General Counsel for the North Carolina League of Municipalities in Raleigh. Mr. McCarley is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He is also a certified mediator in North Carolina.

Mr. McCarley was a member of the 1995 and 2010 North Carolina Legislative Study Commissions on Annexation where he represented municipal interests.

Additionally, Mr. McCarley is a frequent speaker at

professional conferences on media relations and general negotiation skills.

Featured Experience

Mr. McCarley has extensive experience in all aspects of municipal and governmental transactions, including:

- Negotiated the return of an NBA franchise to Charlotte and the arena construction and operating agreements between the team and the City
- Led the city negotiation team working with NASCAR on agreement to construct and operate the NASCAR Hall of Fame
- Represented the City on railroad operating and construction agreements for initial Charlotte area transit system light rail project
- Negotiated the contract between the City and the Democratic National Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention to be held in Charlotte
- Represented the City of Charlotte in intervention motions in *South Carolina v. North Carolina*, 130 S.Ct. 854 (2010), an original jurisdiction water rights case in the U. S. Supreme Court
- Represented the City of Wilmington, NC in minor league baseball negotiations
- Represented the City of Las Vegas in major league soccer negotiations
- Negotiated Arena Use Agreements for the AHL Charlotte Checkers Hockey Team.

Speaking Engagements

City Perspectives on Sports Facility Deals
North Carolina Bar Association
May 19, 2016

Negotiated Resignations
Public Employment Law Update at the UNC School of
Government
May 13, 2016

Negotiation Principles and Practice
IMLA in Las Vegas, NV
October 2015

Dealing with the Press
IMLA in Baltimore, MD
2014

Practical & Legal Guide for Internal Investigations
Organization of Municipal Personnel Officers Annual
Conference
2009

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Firm News

Best Lawyers Recognizes 68 Parker Poe Attorneys for 2017
August 15, 2016

Best Lawyers Recognizes 71 Parker Poe Attorneys for 2016
August 18, 2015

Mac McCarley Elected State Bar Councilor of 26th Judicial
District
November 15, 2012

UNC School of Law Honors Mac McCarley
September 27, 2012

Charlotte City Attorney Will Join Parker Poe's Government
Group
November 17, 2011

Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ in Government & Public Policy; Municipalities & Counties
- Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* in Municipal Law, 2017
- University of North Carolina School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, 2012
- International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) Charles S. Rhyne Lifetime Achievement Award, 2011
- North Carolina Association of Municipal Attorneys Ernest H. Ball Award, 2010
- Florence Crittenton Services, Inc. Lucille P. Giles Community Award, 2008
- Leadership Charlotte Schley Lyons Circle of Excellence Award, 2002

Memberships

- 26th Judicial District, North Carolina State Bar Councilor, 2012-present; Chair, Grievance Committee, 2016 to present
- University of North Carolina School of Government Foundation, Board of Directors, Chair, 2009-2011; Member, 2014 - present
- Rotary Club of Charlotte, President 2008-2009; Chair of Program Committee, 2006; Member, 1995-present
- Mecklenburg County Bar Foundation, Board of Directors, Chair, 2010-2011; Member, 2003-2012; Patrons' Fund Campaign, Chair, 2005-2007; Naming Rights Campaign Co- Chair, 2014
- Florence Crittenton Services, Inc., Advisory Board (Chair, 2004-2008; Member, 2002-present); Board of Directors (Chair, 2000-2002; Member, 1996-2002)

- International Municipal Lawyers Association, Board of Directors (President, 2009-2010; Member, 2000-2011)
- Mecklenburg County United Way Annual Campaign, Chair, 2003
- Governor's Email Policy Review Committee, Member, 2008