

David E. Wagner

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OVERVIEW

David Wagner is a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice. He focuses his practice on the acquisition, development, financing, and leasing of office, retail, warehouse, medical, and mixed-use projects. His clients include shopping center owners, office landlords and tenants, real estate developers, healthcare providers, institutional investors, and lending institutions. David regularly handles matters involving retail leasing, standard and medical office leasing, and ground leases as well as a full range of development and finance matters. In addition, David handles land use issues before local governmental officials and a wide range of distressed commercial real estate matters.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to his legal career, David served as a captain in the United States Marine Corps where he served from 1991-1997.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law in Raleigh, NC, 2013-2027
- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® as “Lawyer of the Year” for Real Estate Law in Raleigh, NC, 2020 and 2023
- Recognized in *Business North Carolina* Legal Elite for Real Estate Law, 2008, 2011-2012, 2024-2025
- Recognized in *Business North Carolina* Legal Elite "Young Guns*,"* 2011
- Completed Two Ironman Races (Ironman Florida in 2010 and Ironman Lake Placid in 2012)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- National Association of Industrial and Office Parks, Triangle Chapter, 2004-present
- International Council of Shopping Centers (2005-2016)

- Assistant Lacrosse Coach - St. Michaels School, Cary, NC (2016-2019)
- Assistant Basketball Coach - St. Michaels School, Cary, NC (2016-2018)
- Youth Basketball Coach - Town of Morrisville and Town of Cary (2012-2015)
- Youth Flag Football Coach (2012-2013)
- Operation Homefront of North Carolina (Board of Directors, 2008-2014)
- Triangle Real Estate and Construction Veterans, 2006-2009, Secretary 2007-2008
- North Carolina Bar Association, Real Property Section, 2000-present
- Normandie Homeowner's Association Board, President and Vice-President, 2001-2003
- UNC NROTC Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2003-2006

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Winning the Commercial Leasing Game in North Carolina: How to Structure Worry-Free Leases," presentation, National Business Institute, October 2005

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2000 *(magna cum laude, University of South Carolina Law Review, Articles Editor; Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig and Robe; James Petigru Compleat Student Award)*
- B.A., University of North Carolina, 1991 *(UNC NROTC Battalion Commander)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “The South Carolina Omitted Spouse Statute and In re Estate of Timmerman” 50 *South Carolina Law Review*, 1979, 1999
- “Adding a Fueling Station Component to an Anchor Lease” *Retail Law Strategist*, Volume 10, Issue 4, December 2010

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 3 November 2020, K&L Gates Advises Digital Education Curriculum Provider Discovery Education on Acquisition of Mystery Science

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- Luxury Products and Fashion

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represents an office landlord in the negotiation of leases in a 20 building office project.
- Represents a landlord in all matters related to the leasing and ownership of an office tower in uptown Charlotte.
- Represented a mixed use developer in the development and leasing of a mixed use center with leases to national tenants and to medical office tenants.
- Represented a landlord in the leasing and management of 1,000,000+ square feet of life science space.
- Represented the owner of an industrial warehouse park in the Charlotte area for leases and other property matters.
- Represented an office landlord in the negotiation of leases in a 250,000+ square foot office tower in downtown Durham.
- Represented a life sciences company in the development of a multi-building corporate headquarters.