



Hon. Robert N. Hunter Jr.
Higgins Benjamin

Current Employer-Title	Higgins, Benjamin, PLLC - Of Counsel
Profession	Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator, Retired Appellate Jurist
Work History	Judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals and Justice Supreme Court of North Carolina, 2014, 2009, 2019; Partner and Co-Founder, Hunter, Higgins PLLC, 2000 - 2009; Partner, Patton, Boggs PLLC., 1992 – 1999, Private Practice, 1974 - 1999.
Experience	<p>Ten years as a jurist in general civil appeals including: complex business disputes; decisions involving directors; breach of fiduciary duty; corporate dissolution; "fairness" of class action settlements; misappropriation of confidential information and trade secrets; and, dissenting shareholder claims. Other cases involved enforcement of construction liens; calculation of equitable adjustments in construction delay claim; worker's compensation issues; insurance coverage and damage claims; medical malpractice claims; condemnation; zoning; homeowner's association disputes; and, routine personal injury claims.</p> <p>Prior to judicial service, trial practice involved the labor law, Fair Labor Standards act, federal securities law, class actions, and real estate law and decedent estates. Practice included substantial time to disputed election contests, redistricting, voting rights and equal protection claims.</p> <p>In addition to trial work and appellate practice have served as an adjunct professor of law at Wake Forest School of Law, Elon University School of Law and North Carolina Central University School of Law teaching appellate advocacy and the law of democracy.</p>
Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience	<p>A certified superior court mediator in the first class of ADR professionals licensed in North Carolina.</p> <p>Prior to judicial career, mediated approximately 150 cases. As an NASD arbitrator, sat on 30 panels and served as Chairman on 9 panels.</p>
Alternative Dispute Resolution Training	Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for New AAA Arbitrators, 2019; Arbitration Awards - Safeguarding, Deciding and Writing Awards (ADS 01), 2019; AAA Addressing the Challenges of Demanding Arbitrations: The Pre-Hearing Landscape, the Hearing Phase, the Award and Beyond; UNC CLE Superior Court Judges Conference, Enforceability of Arbitration Awards 2018; NASD Introduction to Securities Arbitration Training, 1994; NASD New Chairperson Training 2004.
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: North Carolina, 1973; United States Federal District Court, North Carolina, 1973; U.S Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1974; United States

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Supreme Court, 1983.

Professional Associations

American Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association; Greensboro Bar Association; North Carolina Advocates for Justice.

Education

Duke University School of Law (LLM - 2014); University of North Carolina School of Law (J.D. - 1973); University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (B.A. - 1969).

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Appellate Judge of the Year 2011,2019 - N.C. Advocates for Justice; 2013 McNeill Smith Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section Award; 2017 Leadership in the Law Award - Elon Law and Lawyer's Weekly.

Willing to serve without travel cost

Within 100 miles of Greensboro North Carolina no charge for travel

Citizenship Languages Locale

United States of America

English

Greensboro, North Carolina, United States of America

Compensation

Hearing: \$400.00/Hr

Study: \$400.00/Hr

Cancellation Period: 1 Days

Comment: No hourly charge for travel, out-of-pocket expenses only. Open to Alternative Fee Arrangements

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