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### Education

**J.D., UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SCHOOL OF LAW, 1992**

Honors: With Honors; Order of the Barristers

**B.A., UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1987**

### Practice Areas

- Appellate Practice
- Complex Commercial
- Employment
- Environmental, Mold, and Toxic Tort
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Mass Torts
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Device
- Products Liability
- Torts and Insurance



Alex Hagan serves as the head of the litigation group at Ellis & Winters. He is a trial lawyer whose practice includes product liability defense, as well as the defense of laboratories, hospitals, nursing homes, and individual health care providers. Additionally, Alex has extensive commercial litigation experience, representing software manufacturers, retail chains, and other product manufacturers in contract, trademark and employment disputes. Alex has considerable jury trial experience in tort and commercial matters in both state and federal court.

Alex has presented to various organizations, including the North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges, International Association of Defense Counsel, DRI, Eagle International Associates, Inc., and the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. He has also given presentations to Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology, the Southern Association of Cytotechnologists, and the North Carolina Society of Cytology, on the federal regulations, trends in laboratory liability issues, and the defense of laboratory malpractice actions.

Alex has been selected as a North Carolina Litigation Star by *Benchmark Litigation* in the 2016-2019 editions. In 2015, he was named the Raleigh "Lawyer of the Year" by *The Best Lawyers in America®* in the category of Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants. He has also been listed to *Best Lawyers* for Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants since 2006. Alex has appeared in North Carolina *Super Lawyers* Magazine since 2006 and maintains a peer review rating of AV® in Martindale-Hubbell. In August 2015, Alex served as a faculty member of the IADC Trial Academy, held at Stanford University Law School. In October 2017, Alex was elected as DRI National Director. In October 2018, he was named Chair of the DRI For Life Committee and Vice Chair of the 2019 DRI Annual Meeting Steering Committee.

Alex received his undergraduate and law degree from the University of North Carolina (B.A., 1987; J.D., With Honors, 1992). He served as law clerk to Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr. of the North Carolina Supreme Court from 1992 to 1994.

### Awards and Honors

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, "Leader in the Field" for Litigation: Healthcare & Medical Malpractice (2016-2018)
- *Benchmark Litigation*, North Carolina Litigation Star (2016-2019)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants (2006-2019)
  - Raleigh "Lawyer of the Year" in Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants (2015)
- North Carolina *Super Lawyers* Magazine, Civil Litigation, Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice, Business Litigation (2006-2018)
- Peer Review Rating of AV® in Martindale-Hubbell

### Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Board of Trial Advocates

- DRI
  - National Director (2017-Present)
  - DRI For Life Committee
    - Chair (2018)
  - Annual Meeting Steering Committee
    - Vice Chair (2019)
  - Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee
    - Chair (2015-2016)
    - Vice Chair (2014-2015)
  - Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar, 2012 Program Chair
- International Association of Defense Counsel
  - Foundation of the International Association of Defense Counsel, Board of Directors (2015-present)
  - Intellectual Property Committee, Chair (2016-present)
  - Trial Academy Faculty (2015)
  - Annual Meeting CLE Steering Committee, Chair (2015)
  - Technology Committee, Chair (2013-2014)
  - Membership Committee
- Eagle International Associates, Inc., Board of Directors
- North Carolina Bar Association
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
- Product Liability Advisory Council, Member

## Publications

- [“Enriching Our Professional Lives,”](#) *For the Defense*, August 2018
- [“What Trademark Cases Teach Us About Personal Jurisdiction,”](#) *IADC Intellectual Property Committee Newsletter*, June 2018
- [“From the Chair: The Ideal We All Should Carry – Creating, and Maintaining, a Reputation of High Integrity,”](#) *For the Defense*, August 2017
- [“From the Chair: The Pain Management Dilemma,”](#) *DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee The Medlaw Update – Volume 21 Issue 2*, June 24, 2016
- [“For Your Clients. It’s Very Personal,”](#) *For the Defense*, August 2016
- [“The Pain Drain - The Continuing Impact of Pain Management on Health-Care Providers,”](#) *For the Defense*, September 2014

## Prior Legal Experience

- Clerkship, North Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. James G. Exum, Jr., Chief Justice, 1992-1994
- Attorney, Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore LLP, Raleigh, NC, 1995-2000