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Education

**J.D., UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SCHOOL OF LAW, 1986**

Honors: High Honors; Order of the Coif
Law Review: *North Carolina Law Review*,
Research Editor, 1985-1986

A.B., BROWN UNIVERSITY, 1982

Honors: *magna cum laude*; Honors in
Anthropology, Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Areas

- Class Action
- Complex Commercial
- Construction
- Fires and Explosions
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Mass Torts
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Device
- Products Liability
- Torts and Insurance
- Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices



Leslie Packer practices in the areas of civil litigation, focusing on products liability (including drugs and medical devices), medical malpractice, and commercial litigation. Ms. Packer has been part of a regional and national trial team in the breast implant litigation. Her litigation practice includes the representation of pharmaceutical companies, product manufacturers, health care practitioners and institutions, engineering companies and other businesses. She also has been retained by corporate boards to assist in internal investigations.

Ms. Packer has given numerous presentations on *Daubert*, trial skills, company documents, and other topics for organizations such as the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, the Defense Research Institute, the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. She received the 2009 Andrew C. Hecker Award — honoring the best article published in the *Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel Quarterly* — for “Admitting We’re Litigating in the Digital Age: A Practical Overview of Issues of Admissibility in the Technological Courtroom.”

Ms. Packer obtained her undergraduate degree from Brown University (A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1982) and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina (with *High Honors*, 1986) where she was a Morehead Law Fellow. Ms. Packer was a member of the *Order of the Coif*, and she served as Research Editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*. She has served as the President of the Raleigh Professional Women’s Forum and as Secretary of the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games. She has served as the chair for the Board of Special Olympics North Carolina and as the President of the UNC Law Alumni Association.

Ms. Packer is proud to have completed the New York Marathon in 2004, the Virginia Beach marathon in 2006 and the Chicago marathon in 2007.

Awards and Honors

- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys: J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence (2017)
- *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, “Leader in the Field” for Litigation (2009-2017)
- *Benchmark Litigation*
 - North Carolina Litigation Star (2012-2018)
 - Top 250 Women in Litigation (2012, 2016-2018)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Litigation-Health Care; Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants; Product Liability Litigation-Defendants (2003-2018)
 - Raleigh “Lawyer of the Year” for Litigation-Health Care (2016)
 - Raleigh “Lawyer of the Year” for Product Liability Litigation Defense (2013, 2018)
- *International Who’s Who of Product Liability Defence Lawyers* (2014-2017)
- *Business North Carolina Magazine*, Legal Elite, Litigation (2005-2014, 2018)
- North Carolina *Super Lawyers Magazine*, Civil Litigation: Defense (2006-2017)

- "Top 10 Super Lawyers in North Carolina" (2015-2017)
- "Top 25 Super Lawyers in Raleigh" (2013-2017)
- "Top 50 Women in North Carolina" (2006-2017)
- "Top 100 Super Lawyers in North Carolina" (2006-2017)
- Andrew C. Hecker Award (2009)
- *Triangle Business Journal*, "Women in Business" Award (1999)
- *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly*, "Women of Justice" Award (2013)
- Peer Review Rating of AV® in Martindale-Hubbell

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American College of Trial Lawyers (2007-present)
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
 - President (2006-2007)
- American Board of Trial Advocates
 - Treasurer, Eastern North Carolina Chapter (2017)
- International Society of Barristers (2017)
 - North American Fellow
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
 - Board of Directors (2012-2016)
 - Corporate Counsel Committee Co-Chair (2012-2013)
 - Drug, Device and Biotechnology Section, Chair (2006-2007)
- National Foundation for Judicial Excellence
 - Vice-Chair of Program Planning Committee
 - Board and Executive Committee member
 - Program Chair, 2013 Symposium
- Defense Research Institute
- North Carolina Bar Association
 - Tort Issues Task Force (2009-2010)
- University of North Carolina Law Alumni Association
 - President (2014-2015)
 - Vice President (2013-2014)
 - Second Vice President (2012-2013)
- Special Olympics North Carolina
 - President (2016-2018)
 - Secretary (2013-2015)
 - Board Member (2012-2013)

Presentations

- *Cross Examination of the Plaintiff's Expert*, ADTA, Nashville, Tennessee, April 20, 2017
- *Recent Decisions of Relevance*, North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Spring Meeting, March, 2017
- *To Do or Not to Do: The Top Ten Things Not to Do on Cross-Examination*, DRI Women in the Law Seminar, Miami, Florida, March 15, 2013
- *Preparing Your Client for Cross Examination*, DRI Women in the Law Seminar, Miami, Florida, March 14, 2013
- *Annual Update on Recent Decisions*, American College of Trial Lawyers North Carolina 2012 Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, March 22-25, 2012
- *Recent Decisions of Relevance*, NCADA 2012 Fall Seminar & Judicial Candidates' Forum, Greensboro, NC, September 28, 2012
- *Getting to Know Daubert: Best Practices in Evidentiary Motions (with The Honorable Thomas D. Schroeder, M.D.N.C.)*, 2012 NCBA Bench & Bar Seminar View From the Bench, Greensboro, North Carolina December 13, 2012
- Served on panel at FDCC 2012 Winter Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, program titled *The Best iPad Apps for Lawyers*
- Presentation of *Recent Decisions of Relevance* at the 2011 North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys Annual Meeting
- *Early Case Assessment*. FDCC, Munich, Germany, July 2010
- *Negotiation, Strategy and Ethics* (panelist) — 2009 Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, Kauai, Hawaii, February 25, 2009
- *Lights, Action, Cameras — Technology in the Courtroom* — 2008 Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel Winter Meeting, Grand Bahama Island, February 24, 2008
- *"Bad" Corporate Documents — How to Minimize Their Impact at Trial*. Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia 25th Annual Meeting; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, June 19,

2007

- *Pretrial Discovery: Strategies and Tips*, American College of Trial Lawyers Litigation Skills Program, University of North Carolina School of Government, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 8, 2007
- *Pound Civil Justice Institute* — Served on panel as defense representative regarding *Daubert, Frye and the States: Thoughts on Choice of a Standard*, Seattle, Washington, 2006
- *Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel Litigation Management College* (presenter) — Atlanta, Georgia, 2006
- *Expert Testimony Following Howerton v. Arai Helmet Ltd.* North Carolina Bar Foundation Litigation Section Annual Meeting; Asheville, North Carolina, June 2005
- *Defending Claims for Psychological Damages as Part of a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit.* Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel; Marco Island, Florida, March 2005
- *Litigation Skills for Public Interest and Public Section Lawyers, Examination and Cross-Examination of a Psychologist/Doctor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers; Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 2004
- *Handling "Bad" Company Documents: Preventing Admission at Trial* Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel Pharmaceutical Section; Chesapeake, Maryland, July 2004
- *Handling "Bad" Company Documents: Preventing Admission at Trial* North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys Annual Meeting; Hilton Head, South Carolina, June 2004
- *All-Star Trial of a Business Case*, Litigation Section Annual Meeting, presented by the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation CLE; Greensboro, North Carolina, May 2004
- *Introduction to Daubert* North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys Young Lawyers Seminar; Greensboro, North Carolina, September 2003
- *Daubert Challenges to Expert Testimony in Federal Court*, Defense Research Institute Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 2003
- *National Institute for Trial Advocacy "Building Trial Skills;"* University of North Carolina School of Law Chapel Hill; North Carolina, May 2000
- *Practical Aspects of Daubert Challenges*, sponsored by North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys Hilton Head, South Carolina, April 2000
- *North Carolina Products Liability Law*, sponsored by Wake Forest University School of Law; Raleigh, North Carolina, February 2000

Admissions

- North Carolina, 1986
- United States Supreme Court, 1997
- United States District Courts
 - Eastern District of North Carolina, 1986
 - Middle District of North Carolina, 1991
 - Western District of North Carolina, 1992
- United States Courts of Appeals
 - Fourth Circuit, 1988
 - Eleventh Circuit, 1998