

**JAMES F. HOPF**

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**CAREER SUMMARY**

Accomplished attorney with thirty years of experience handling a variety of complex litigation and business related issues and disputes. Extensive hands-on involvement in managing, organizing, assimilating, problem-solving, negotiating and advocating, as well as operations oversight, troubleshooting and management. Respected leader with proven ability to supervise, build consensus and direct others in order to achieve specific and tangible targets and goals.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2010 - Present

**LAW OFFICES OF JAMES F. HOPF, PLLC**

Greenville, North Carolina

Owner/Sole Proprietor

Legal practice concentrating on business matters and complex civil litigation, including business consulting and management, land use and zoning matters, construction disputes, environmental & contamination issues and condemnation/eminent domain. Appearances before state, county and municipal agencies, commissions, councils & boards. General legal counseling, operational oversight and management assistance for businesses, investment groups and community non-profits.

2004 - 2010

**HOPF & HIGLEY, P.A.**

Greenville, North Carolina

Owner/Managing Partner

Civil trial and business practice concentrating on complex litigation and business matters, including environmental and contamination issues, construction disputes, land use and zoning, and condemnation/eminent domain. Managing partner responsible for day-to-day office management, oversight and planning. Appearances before state and local government commissions, councils & boards. General legal counseling, development and management for various businesses, investment groups and community non-profits. Negotiation of business disputes, long-term leases and land-use issues. Mediations and arbitrations in capacity as court certified mediator.



## **PROFESSIONAL HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS**

*AV Preeminent Legal Rating* - Martindale Hubbell  
*Best Lawyers in America* – 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016  
Legal Elite, *Business North Carolina* – 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014  
*Super Lawyers*, North Carolina – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013  
Who's Who in American Law  
Distinguished Alumni Award, Campbell University

Member, North Carolina Bar Association  
Member, American Bar Association  
Member, Pitt County Bar Association  
Past Chairman, Environmental Ethics Committee of the Environmental & Natural Resources  
Section of North Carolina Bar Association  
Past Chairman, Consumer Areas of Practice Section, North Carolina Academy of Trial  
Lawyers  
Past State Captain for North Carolina - Section on Toxic, Environmental and Pharmaceutical  
Torts, Association of Trial Lawyers of America

## **EDUCATION**

**Legal**                      **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Juris Doctorate, May 1986

**Undergraduate**        **CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY**, Buies Creek, North Carolina  
B.A. Government, *Summa Cum Laude*, May 1983

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Chair, Mid-East Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council  
Vice-chair, Pitt County Educational Foundation  
Legal Counsel – Ocracoke Island Foundation & Board of Directors  
Board of Directors, Alumni Association, Campbell University  
Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, Life Member

Pitt County Board of Education Member (1996-2002)  
Communities in Schools of Pitt County, Past Chair & Board Member  
Greenville Little League, Past President, Vice President & Executive Board Member  
Elmhurst Elementary PTA, Past President, Vice President & Executive Board Member

First Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Leader, Disaster Relief & Handyman Ministries  
Board Member, Henry D. Johnson Memorial Fund  
Sunday School teacher