



DANIEL R. OKAFOR

Commercial litigator with seven years handling contract disputes, trade-secret matters, and post-M&A indemnification claims for middle-market companies. First-chair experience in three federal bench trials and lead drafter on briefs that have resulted in summary judgment for clients in industrial, fintech, and SaaS sectors.



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KEY SKILLS

- Commercial litigation
- Federal civil procedure
- Dispositive motion practice
- Depositions (taking and defending)
- E-discovery (Relativity, Everlaw)
- Damages analysis
- Mediation and settlement strategy
- Trade secret and non-compete
- Legal writing and appellate briefing
- Westlaw, Lexis+

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR ASSOCIATE, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

BRENNAN & HOLST LLP, CHARLOTTE, NC | MARCH 2021 – MAY 2024

- Second-chaired a four-day bench trial in the W.D.N.C. involving a \$12.4M breach-of-contract claim; cross-examined the opposing damages expert and obtained a defense verdict.
- Drafted dispositive motions in roughly 15 active matters per year covering UCC, tortious interference, and non-compete enforcement.
- Manage discovery for a recurring fintech client, including review platforms (Relativity, Everlaw) and ESI protocols across 6 custodians.
- Train and review work product for three junior associates; rewrote the firm's deposition prep checklist used across the litigation group.

ASSOCIATE

TARROW VANCE PLLC, RALEIGH, NC | FEBRUARY 2018 – FEBRUARY 2021

- Handled a docket of 20+ commercial matters at any given time, from pleadings through mediation.
- Wrote the appellee brief in a Fourth Circuit non-compete appeal; oral argument led by partner, decision affirmed.
- Took and defended depositions of corporate representatives, treating physicians, and forensic accountants.
- Built early-case-assessment memos that helped two clients settle pre-litigation for under policy limits.

EDUCATION

J.D.

University of North Carolina School of Law (cum laude; Articles Editor, North Carolina Law Review) | February 2018

B.A.

Political Science, Davidson College | June 2015

Bar Admissions: North Carolina (2018)

U.S. District Court W.D.N.C., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit | February 2021