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ROLLY L. CHAMBERS is a partner in the Charlotte, North Carolina office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP, where he practices construction law and commercial litigation and is a mediator of commercial and construction disputes. He is a North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Mediator for Superior Court and Estates & Guardianship matters. Rolly has practiced law in Charlotte for over twenty-five years. He received his J.D. degree in 1984 from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia where he was a member of the *William & Mary Law Review*. He received a B.A. degree in English (with Honors) and Psychology in 1975 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a Morehead Scholar. From 1976 to 1981 he served on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He has been a member of the North Carolina Bar and the Bars of the federal courts in North Carolina since 1984. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the Mecklenburg County Bar and of various committees and sections within those professional organizations.

Rolly has handled a broad range of construction issues, problems, and disputes involving a wide variety of construction projects, both public and private. He has represented owners, contractors, subcontractors, sureties, and design professionals in evaluating construction claims; in mediating, arbitrating, and litigating construction claims; and in negotiating and drafting construction contracts for office buildings, high-rise towers, schools, hotels, laboratories, waste treatment facilities, shopping centers, residential real estate developments, and health care projects. He has tried construction cases in state and federal courts and has represented clients in arbitrations and mediations.

Rolly has given numerous seminar presentations and talks, written articles, and contributed chapters for publication in various periodicals and books regarding construction law topics. He has been named a "North Carolina Super Lawyer" and has been recognized in *Business North Carolina Magazine* as a member of its "Legal Elite" and one of the top practitioners in construction and real estate law in North Carolina.

Rolly was raised in Lenoir, North Carolina. He and his wife have four sons and his interests include sports and American history.

Articles & Publications

- *Alternative Clauses to Standard Construction Contracts* 3d ed., co-author, Aspen Publishers, 2009.
- "Hidden Contract Pitfalls, Part 1: Implied Contractual Obligations," *CFMA Building Profits Magazine*, January/February, 2002.
- "NC Legislation Brings New Flexibility" *Construction Magazine*, December, 2002.
- "Standards for Electronic Filing Processes," contributor, Electronic Filing Standards

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Areas of Practice

- Construction Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation

Education

- University of North Carolina (B.A., with honors, 1975)
- College of William & Mary (J.D., 1984)

Bar and Court Admissions

- North Carolina, 1984
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of North Carolina

Memberships

- State Bar of North Carolina.
- American Bar Association, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Sections and ABA Forum Committee on the Construction Industry.
- North Carolina Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Litigation Section, Technology Advisory Committee.
- Mecklenburg County Bar.
- ABA representative to Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (Oasis) and



Subcommittee of the National Consortium for State Court Automation Standards, 2002.

Classes & Seminars Taught

- AIA Contract Documents, Lorman Education Services, 2006.
- North Carolina Law for Design Professionals, Lorman Educational Services, 2005.
- Construction Claims in North Carolina, Lorman Education Services, 2005.
- Construction Law Update Seminar - University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2004.
- Design Build for Every Size Contractor, Carolinas AGC, 2004.

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Oasis LegalXML Member Section Steering Committee.

- Member, Oasis LegalXML Member Section; Oasis LegalXML eNotarization Technical Committee.

Professional Activities

- Volunteer Attorney, Council for Children's Rights, Charlotte, NC, 2009.

Noteworthy

- Certified Mediator – Superior Court, Estates and Guardianship (North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission)
- Martindale Hubbell - AV rated
- Business North Carolina Magazine "Legal Elite" - selected by peers as one of the top practitioners in construction and real estate law in North Carolina (2002-2004, 2008)
- "North Carolina Super Lawyers" - Construction/Surety, Construction Litigation (2007)
- Lieutenant, U.S. Navy (Reserve), Active Duty (1976 – 1984)