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Meet Our Guest Speakers



Alison Carr

Alison Carr is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and the Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. She was admitted to practice in North Carolina in 2007 and has spent her entire career practicing law in Sampson County. She is a past President of the 4th Judicial District, a graduate of the inaugural class of the NC Bar Association's Leadership Academy, and has served on the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. Alison has also served as President of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce and as a board member of many community organizations. Alison is married to Gregory and together they have one son.



The Honorable Michelle Ball

The Honorable Michelle Ball, a Paralegal and Johnston County native, was elected as the Johnston County Clerk of Superior Court in 2014. Prior to serving as the clerk, she worked at the law firm of Spence & Spence, P.A., for twenty-two years. Her duties and responsibilities included residential and commercial real estate transactions, guardianships and estates, civil litigation and condemnations. Clerk Ball is a graduate of Barton College (formerly Atlantic Christian College), where she was an Undergraduate Fellow, earning a B.A. degree in English with concentrations in Business and Commercial Art. As a member of the Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, Clerk Ball chairs the Resource Committee and is a member of the Legislative and Technology Committees. Most recently, she served on the COVID-19 Task Force's Subcommittee for Innovation and Technology. Clerk Ball is a member of the National College of Probate Judges and the North Carolina Guardianship Association. She was appointed to the Chief Justice's Rules Advisory Commission for a term ending December 31, 2023.



Asia Wise

Asia is a paralegal who focuses on residential real estate and guardianship matters at City of Oaks Law. She has been with this firm for six years. In 2017, she graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in Communication Studies and Media Studies. Afterwards, Asia attended Meredith College for the Paralegal Program and earned the North Carolina State Bar Certification. In her spare time, Asia enjoys spending time outdoors, and traveling to spend time with friends and family.



Evan Watkins

Evan has been a title search paralegal since 2002. He has worked with Hutchens Law Firm, in Wilmington since July 2006.



Melissa Lopes

Melissa has been a real estate paralegal with Justice Law Group since 2017. She closes residential and commercial purchase transactions and refinances, handles post-closing, trains new staff, and everything in between.

Melissa earned her B.A. from Montclair State University in New Jersey and worked at a small law firm and title insurance company before moving down to North Carolina with her family. She aspires to attend law school to continue her education and further her real estate career.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with husband and son, traveling, and attending sporting events.



Sarah Bowman

Sarah has been a licensed attorney since 2014, focusing her practice primarily on real estate transactions. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and obtained her J.D. from Campbell University School of Law. An Asheville native, Sarah returned home to work in a community that is important to her.

Sarah is an active member of the Real Estate Lawyers Association of North Carolina, where she currently sits on the Board of Directors, and is also a member of the 40th Judicial District Bar, the North Carolina State Bar, and the North Carolina Bar Association.



Uta Zacharias

Lawyers Mutual welcomed Uta Zacharias in 2018. Prior to joining Lawyers Mutual, Uta worked as Senior Subrogation Counsel at Investors Title Insurance Company since 2010. She came to Investors Title from Land-America in Richmond, Virginia, where she served six years as Associate Claims Counsel. Uta also practiced for several years in law firms in Charlotte, N.C. and Richmond, V.A., where she focused on real estate, general business transactional matters, employment and immigration law. Uta is licensed in North Carolina and Virginia. She is a member of the Wake County Real Property Lawyers Association.

LM Title Legal Team



Troy Crawford

Troy Crawford is Managing Counsel for LM Title. He previously worked for Lawyers Mutual as Claims Counsel focusing primarily on real estate, fraud, and technology related matters. Prior to joining Lawyers Mutual, he was a claims attorney for Investors Title and spent 8 years in private practice handling real estate transactions and litigation.



Michelle Church

Michelle serves as Vice President of Operations and is a licensed North Carolina attorney and title insurance underwriter. She oversees the company's operations and manages the title insurance underwriting process, ensuring transactions are completed smoothly and efficiently.

Michelle grew up in the small town of Micro, located in Johnston County, NC. She has experience in several areas of law including real estate, collections, and tax foreclosures. She has worked in different size law firms and corporate settings, including the legal department of a bank and as a research consultant for the Carolina Panthers, allowing her to understand and sympathize with the different demands of clients.

Michelle is a member of the NC Bar Association, Wake County Bar Association, and the Tenth Judicial District Bar Association.