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Mike has been practicing law with Martin & Jones for more than 20 years and his practice focuses on representing individuals suffering from asbestos-related diseases including malignant mesothelioma, asbestos related lung cancer and asbestosis. His clients include workers who were occupationally exposed to asbestos in industrial settings such as power plants, chemical plants, railroads, shipyards, paper mills and other manufacturing facilities. Mike has represented clients from states all over the United States as well as from various provinces in Canada.

The cases have included products liability and wrongful death actions in federal court and various state courts, and workers compensation occupational disease claims before the North Carolina Industrial Commission. The defendants have included asbestos manufacturers, contractors, distributors and employers.

Mike has achieved the highest attorney rating, "AV," by [Martindale-Hubbell](#), an independent legal services company whose peer-review attorney ratings service is an objective indicator that an attorney has the highest ethical standards and professional ability. He graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law after graduating from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics.

Mike pursues claims on behalf of clients against various asbestos company bankruptcy administrative claims trusts, and also serves as an arbitrator and member of the trust advisory committee with different trusts.

He lives in Raleigh with his wife and enjoys watching and participating in sports as well as playing music in his band.

Areas of Practice

Asbestos and Mesothelioma

Product Liability

Wrongful Death

Workers Compensation

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

U.S. District Court Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court Middle District of North Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit

Education

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

J.D. - 1991

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

B.S. - 1988

Major: Mathematics

Honors and Awards

"AV," by Martindale-Hubbell

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Association for Justice

North Carolina Advocates for Justice

Past Employment Positions

Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Maland, Attorney, 1994 - 1995