

PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate
- Energy
- Energy Project Development
- Mergers & Acquisitions

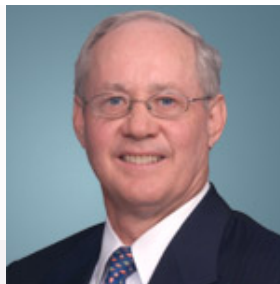
EDUCATION

- A.B., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1969
- J.D., Columbia University, 1973; Board of Editors, Columbia Law Review; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina, 1977
- New York, 1974 (inactive)

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Steve Hope, a senior member of the firm's corporate law section, counsels numerous, diverse clients on a wide range of business legal issues, focusing on structuring and negotiating complex merger and acquisition transactions and corporate finance transactions.

His corporate finance experience includes representing borrowers in various loan structures.

Mr. Hope has lectured widely and authored articles for seminars and presentations sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association and other professional organizations.

OF NOTE

- Named *Best Lawyers'* 2012 Charlotte Mergers & Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year.
- Included in *Best Lawyers in America* for Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, and Securities Law, 2005 - 2012.
- Included in *Business North Carolina's* Legal Elite list, 2004 - 2011.
- Selected for inclusion to the *North Carolina Super Lawyers* list in 2006 - 2012. His primary area of practice is Mergers & Acquisitions.
- Included in Chambers Partners USA in North Carolina - Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions, 2003 - 2012.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Actor's Theatre of Charlotte
- Member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Grant Review Committee of the Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation, Inc.

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STEPHEN (STEVE) D. HOPE

- Past chairman, Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Business Law Section Council, North Carolina Bar Association
- Past member, Business Law Curriculum Committee, North Carolina Bar Foundation
- North Carolina liaison to the American Bar Association Corporate Laws Committee
- Active in civic and cultural activities, having served as:
 - Member, Charlotte Country Day School Board of Trustees
 - President, Charlotte City Ballet
 - Board member, Charlotte Repertory Theatre
 - Member, Arts & Science Council Operating Grant Panel

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association: Business Law Section
- North Carolina Bar Association