

FAST FACTS

Firm

- One of the largest law firms in the Southeast with over 300 legal professionals and offices in Charlotte and Research Triangle, North Carolina and Charleston, South Carolina.
- Full-service law firm that serves local, national and international clients in a wide range of industries including: corporate, energy, financial services, health care, manufacturing and technology.
- The firm was founded by Robert Lassiter, Jr. and James Moore. William Van Allen joined the firm in 1950 during the first year of operation. [Click here to read more about the history of the firm.](#)
- MVA represents over half of the Fortune 1000 companies based in the Carolina's.

Attorneys

- The ratio of members to associates is approximately 1.0 to 1.0.
- Half of our members left prior firms to join MVA as lateral attorneys.
- MVA has achieved greater than a 35% increase in female representation and a 275% increase in minority representation since its Diversity Committee was formed ten years ago.

Rankings & Accolades

- For the fifth consecutive year, MVA was named best law firm in Charlotte for 2010 by *Corporate Board Member* magazine.
- Recognized by the *Charlotte Business Journal* for our sustainability initiatives at its annual "Green Awards" (2008, 2009).
- Recognized by the *Charlotte Business Journal* as one of the "Best Places to Work" (2008, 2009).
- Consistently ranked within the top three firms nationally in documenting syndicated lending facilities.
- The only Charlotte-based law firm in the AmLaw national top 150 list. In 2010, ranked 150th largest firm in the country by revenue and 104th for profits per partner.
- Received the Clean Air Works! Sustainable Award (2009)

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- Received the Balanced Life Workplace Award (Large Firm), presented by the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys (2007).
- Received the Mecklenburg County Bar Pro Bono Large Firm of the Year (2007).
- Received the Mint Museum Spirit Award (2007).
- Received the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Multicultural Community Involvement Award (2005).

Leadership

- First law firm in the Carolina's' to achieve the gold-level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building rating system for the renovation of floor 33 in the Charlotte office.
- MVA attorneys actively participate in more than 200 boards and other community organizations.
- Collaborated with Legal Services of Southern Piedmont and Bank of America to establish the Hispanic Outreach Task Force to provide pro bono, consulting and legal education services to the Latino community.
- Three times since 2000, we have led all Charlotte firms in raising associate salaries.
- Founding law firm member of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association's Legal Diversity Clerkship Program and a signatory to the Mecklenburg County Bar's 2006 Initiative on Diversity.
- In 2000, a group of MVA attorneys, with the support of the Management Committee, initiated a dialogue about diversity, establishing an internal Diversity Committee.
- Instrumental in organizing the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce's Black Professionals Network.

Community Service

- Charlotte member, George Hanna, was the 2010 recipient of the NCBA's Dr. I. Beverly Lake Public Service Award.
- Charlotte attorneys John Gilson and Stacey Vandiford were recipients of the Citizen School's President's Volunteer Service Award.
- A Charlotte member, Mark Nebrig, received the 2010 Mecklenburg County Pro Bono

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Attorney of the Year award from Legal Aid of North Carolina.

- A Charlotte associate (Jared Poplin), recipient of the 2009 Bill and Sally Van Allen Public Service Award, leads the firm's Devonshire Elementary reading program.
- Charlotte attorneys and staff recorded 4,383 public service hours, 3,566 pro bono hours, and 3,542 Bar service hours last year.
- A Charlotte associate, Kimberly Zirkle, received the 2009 Jane V. Harper Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award.
- MVA attorneys provide pro bono representation to indigents, children, elderly and non-profit organizations in areas such as bankruptcy, domestic violence, guardianship, wills and estates, landlord-tenant disputes, non-profit management, real estate transactions and social security disability.
- Signed a 100-hour commitment to staff the Self Serve Center at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse through the Judicial Pro Se Project, an initiative of the local Judiciary and Court Administrators supported by the Mecklenburg County Bar and the Mecklenburg Bar Foundation.
- Participants in the Walk to Cure Diabetes for 20 years and counting.
- Manages a weekly reading program for third graders at Devonshire Elementary.