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Board-certified in Workers' Compensation by the North Carolina State Bar, Jeri has extensive experience litigating complex occupational disease claims before the North Carolina Industrial Commission and appellate courts.

Her civil practice includes handling toxic tort and asbestos-related litigation and premises liability claims before the trial and appellate courts.

Before Fox Rothschild

Jeri was of counsel at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined with Fox Rothschild in 2018.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Jeri is a member of the Board of Directors of Communities in Schools of Greater Greensboro, serving on its executive committee. She is also a member of the Women's Professional Forum, and has spoken at numerous continuing legal education seminars for various industry groups regarding workers' compensation topics. Jeri has also served on a number of committees for the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

Honors & Awards

- Named Greensboro "Lawyer of the Year" for Workers' Compensation Law-Employers by *Best Lawyers in America* (2015, 2017)
- Named to "The Best Lawyers in America" list for Workers' Compensation Law in North Carolina by *Best Lawyers*, listed more than 21 years
- Rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Included in a list of North Carolina *SuperLawyers* for Workers' Compensation Law (2006-2019)
- Included in a list of "Top 50 Women" attorneys in North Carolina by *Super Lawyers* (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010)

Practice Areas

- Labor & Employment

Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- George Washington University Law School (J.D., *with honors*, 1977)
- Duke University School of Law (1977)
- Cornell University (B.S., *with honors*, 1972)

Memberships

- North Carolina State Bar
 - Board of Legal Specialization, Chair (2011-2014)
- Chair, Long Range Planning Committee of Board of Legal Specialization (2014-present)
- Member of Judicial Response Team
- Member of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (2009-2011)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Professional Forum Foundation
- President, 18th Judicial District Bar (2006-2007)
- Board of Directors, North Carolina Bar Association Workers' Compensation Section (2001-2004)
- Board of Directors, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys 2003-2007, Secretary (2003-2004)
- Honored as *Woman Extraordinaire* by the Triad Business Leader (2010)
- Defense Research Institute
- Greensboro Bar Association
- Guilford Inn of Court, Master and Past Officer
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Member of Cornell University's Human Ecology Advisory Council
- Women's Professional Forum

Board of Directors

- Communities in Schools of Greater Greensboro
 - Executive Committee