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# Lucie Hartmann Peoples ASHEVILLE, NC

Lucie Peoples is a partner in the firm's Asheville, NC office, practicing general liability and commercial litigation with an emphasis on defending personal injury torts, professional liability, premises liability, products liability, and coverage litigation. Since joining the firm in 2013, she has represented insurance carriers and their insureds in a wide range of litigation areas throughout Western North Carolina.

Lucie endeavors to provide a high-quality, cost-efficient defense. By closely evaluating each case early on, she provides a candid assessment of her client's position, and she works to develop a legal strategy that aligns with her client's objectives and achieves a positive result. Throughout the life of a case, Lucie strives to provide timely reporting that reflects an accurate and thorough analysis of the issues and offers case specific recommendations.

Prior to joining MGC, Lucie served as Law Clerk to the Honorable C. Ashley Royal of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. As a law clerk, Lucie was in a unique position to objectively evaluate the merits of a wide range of civil lawsuits and learn the various nuances of federal practice.

As a true Asheville native, Lucie enjoys sharing her beloved hometown with her husband and two daughters. When she's not in the office, Lucie can be found hiking, swimming, reading, and playing outside with her kids and dog.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Adulterated Food
Alcohol Liability
Bad Faith
Commercial & Business Litigation
Construction Litigation
Healthcare Liability
Insurance Coverage
Litigation
Management & Professional Liability
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Slander & Defamation

Trucking & Transportation



# Curriculum Vitae

## **EDUCATION**

Mercer University School of Law (JD, cum laude) Transylvania University (BA)

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

28th Judicial District Bar North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys North Carolina Bar Association North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

North Carolina (2013)

Buncombe County (2013)

Western District of North Carolina (2013)

Middle District of Georgia (2012)

Superior Court of Bibb County (2011)

Georgia (2011)

#### **AWARDS**

Best Lawyers©: Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation (2021-2024) Litigation - Construction; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants: Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023 - 2024) North Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars - Insurance Coverage (2021)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Whistle While You Work: The Fairytale-Like Whistleblower Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act & the Emergence of 'Greedy' the Eighth Dwarf," - 62 Mercer L. Rev. 1279 (2011)