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Sharita Whitaker is a member of the Firm's Real Estate Development Group and focuses her practice in the areas of Commercial Real Estate and Real Estate Development. Sharita assists clients with real estate acquisitions, dispositions and leasing; title disputes; public utility real estate issues; right-of-way acquisitions; condemnation/ eminent domain actions; and easement negotiation and drafting.

HONORS & AWARDS

- "Future Leader - Minority Lawyers (Private Practice)", inaugural Chambers Diversity Award, 2016
- "Tar Heel of the Week", *The News & Observer*, January 3, 2016
- "Leaders in Diversity" Award, Triangle Business Journal, 2015
- Awarded the honor of serving as a law student member of the 2008 Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute in New York

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- North Carolina Bar Association
 - Former Chair, Minorities in the Profession Committee
 - Former Co-Chair, Minorities in the Profession Committee's ¡Adelante! Moving Forward Program
 - Member, Real Property Section
- Legal Aid of North Carolina Lawyer on the Line Volunteer

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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Real Estate
Construction
Litigation
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Litigation

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina

EDUCATION

North Carolina Central University,
J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010

- Member, Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity
- Senior Editor for the *NCCU School of Law Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Review*

North Carolina State University, B.A.,
Public and Interpersonal
Communication, *summa cum laude*,
2007

- Wake County Bar Association
- Wake County Real Property Lawyers Association

NEWS

- Smith Anderson Attorney Sharita Whitaker Wins National Chambers Diversity Award
06.20.2016
- Sharita Whitaker Discusses Minorities In The Profession Committee with North Carolina Lawyer Magazine
05.13.2016
- Sharita Whitaker Leads Successful NCBA Minorities in the Profession Committee Event
02.03.2016
- Sharita Whitaker Featured as “Tar Heel of the Week”
01.03.2016
- Smith Anderson Attorney Sharita Whitaker Wins TBJ Leaders in Diversity Award
09.10.2015
- Smith Anderson Partners with Legal Organizations to Celebrate Diversity in the Profession
06.25.2015
- Sharita Whitaker Appointed Chair of NCBA's Minorities in the Profession Committee
05.20.2015
- Sharita Whitaker Co-Chairs the NCBA Minorities in the Profession Committee's Signature Event
02.11.2015
- Sharita Whitaker Moderates Panel Discussion on What Employers Look for in an Attorney
03.20.2014
- Sharita Whitaker Offers Welcoming Remarks at the NCBA Minority Law Student and Attorney Meet and Greet
10.31.2013