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- EXPERIENCE** **Glenn, Mills, Fisher & Mahoney, P.A.**, Durham, NC
Associate, July 2009 – Present. Practice in the areas of employment law, class and collective actions, civil rights, personal injury, and general civil litigation. Litigate cases in state and federal court.
- Patterson Harkavy, LLP**, Chapel Hill, NC
Associate, May 2006 – June 2009. Practice concentrated in the areas of labor and employment law, wage and hour collective actions, workers' compensation, personal injury, and capital appeals. Litigated cases in state and federal court and before the North Carolina Industrial Commission. Extensive appellate work before the North Carolina Supreme Court, North Carolina Court of Appeals, and North Carolina Industrial Commission. Obtained a successful ruling from the North Carolina Supreme Court in an employment lawsuit under the North Carolina Whistleblower Act. Also successfully obtained a new trial and the dismissal of charges in a high-profile capital post-conviction case.
- Adams Law Firm**, Asheville, NC
Associate, August 2002 - May 2006. Practice concentrated in the areas of employment law, workers' compensation, personal injury, and capital appeals. Litigated cases in state and federal court and before the North Carolina Industrial Commission. Appellate work before the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Developed a successful employment law practice and achieved favorable results for my clients, including settlements in sexual harassment, FMLA, and REDA cases.
- CLERKSHIP** **Hon. Carl E. Stewart**, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Shreveport, LA
Law Clerk, 2001 - 2002. Performed legal research, wrote legal memoranda, assisted in oral argument preparation, and drafted dispositions in civil and criminal cases, including nine published opinions, in a broad range of areas including labor, employment, civil rights, constitutional, federal jurisdiction, securities regulation, unfair trade practices, consumer protection, trade secrets, workers' compensation, admiralty, and insurance law.
- EDUCATION** **The University of North Carolina School of Law**, Chapel Hill, NC
Juris Doctor with Honors, 2001
- *North Carolina Law Review*, Articles Editor (2000 - 2001), Staff (1999 - 2000)
 - Awards for highest grade in Civil Procedure, Fall 1998; Children and the Law, Fall 2000; and Law, Rights, and Social Change, Spring 2001
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Chapel Hill, NC
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy, 1997
- AWARDS** **Kellie Crabtree Award**, North Carolina Advocates for Justice, 2008
The Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award, Western North Carolina Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Jessica Leaven, 2009-2010 North Carolina Employment Law Update, presented at Employment Law Update, CLE, North Carolina Advocates for Justice Annual Convention, June 21, 2010.

Stewart Fisher & Jessica Leaven, 2009-2010 Federal Employment Law Update, presented at Employment Law Update, CLE, North Carolina Advocates for Justice Annual Convention, June 21, 2010.

Jonathan Wall & Jessica Leaven, Coordinating Editors, *Introduction*, Employment Law, TRIAL BRIEFS (North Carolina Advocates for Justice), June 2009, at 2.

Valerie Johnson & Jessica Leaven, *Keeping Employees Safe: Dealing with Workplace Injuries and Violence*, presented at Lawyering Across Difference, 2009 Festival of Legal Learning, UNC School of Law, February 7, 2009.

Frank Goldsmith & Jessica Leaven, *Litigating Post-Conviction Claims of Police Misconduct*, presented at Criminal Masters in Advocacy, CLE, North Carolina Advocates for Justice Annual Convention, June 14, 2008.

Jessica Leaven & Frank Goldsmith, Column, *The Ordeal of an Innocent Man*, NEWS & OBSERVER (Raleigh, NC), April 11, 2008, at A15, available at <http://www.newsobserver.com/opinion/columns/story/1033006.html>.

Leto Copeley & Jessica Leaven, *Statutory Liens: How to Tell When the Money Belongs to Someone Else, and What to Do When it Does*, THE COURSE AND SCOPE (North Carolina Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section), April 2007, at 1.

Leto Copeley & Jessica Leaven, *Statutory Liens: How to Tell When the Money Belongs to Someone Else, and What to Do When it Does*, presented at The Devil is in the Details: Hot Topics in Workers' Compensation Law, CLE, North Carolina Bar Association, February 16, 2007.

PRESENTATIONS

Co-Presenter, Employment Law Update, CLE, North Carolina Advocates for Justice Annual Convention, June 21, 2010.

Panelist, A Special Hearing on Capital Punishment: Perspectives at the Death House Door, North Carolina Legislative Building, Raleigh, NC, May 14, 2008.

Co-Presenter, The Case of Glen Edward Chapman, Criminal Masters in Advocacy, CLE, North Carolina Advocates for Justice Annual Convention, June 14, 2008.

**SELECTED
MEDIA**

Titan Barksdale, *Another Innocent Inmate Leaves Death Row*, NEWS & OBSERVER (Raleigh, NC), April 3, 2008, at A1, available at http://www.newsobserver.com/news/crime_safety/story/1023074.html.

Marcie Young & David Ingram, *Savoring the Start of Life after Death Row*, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER (Charlotte, NC), April 3, 2008, at A1, available at <http://www.ncmatorium.org/News.aspx?li=2907>.

Erin Gartner, *Ex-cop who Led Discredited Case Probed*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Raleigh, NC), April 3, 2008, <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=4585154>.

Michelle Boudin, *Deputy Accused of Lying in Death Row Case*, WCNC (Charlotte, NC), April 4, 2008, <https://www.wcnc.com/news/topstories/stories/wcnc-040308-mw-deputyinvestigation.2afa60e5.html>.

Jeff Gordinier, *Dead Man Walking*, DETAILS MAGAZINE, August 2008, at 294, *available at* http://men.style.com/details/features/full?id=content_7371.

MEMBERSHIPS

National Employment Lawyers Association

North Carolina Advocates for Justice

- Employment Law Section Vice Chair, 2010 - Present
- Employment Law Section Secretary, 2009 - 2010
- Employment Law Section Publications Committee, 2008 - 2009
- Employment Law Section Secretary, 2007 - 2008
- Employment Law Section Continuing Legal Education Chair, 2005 - 2007
- Employment Law Section Technology Chair, 2004 - 2005
- Young Lawyers Division Project Chair, 2003 - 2005

North Carolina State Bar

North Carolina Bar Association

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys

- Education Committee Chair, 2010 - Present

Durham County Bar Association

Chapel Hill/Carrboro Mothers Club

- Preschool Fair Coordinator, 2010 - Present