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## Honors-Awards

2020 Leaders in the Law - North Carolina

## Publications

Now Is The Time for NC To End Tuition Discrimination Against Immigrants

# Hampton Dellinger

former Assistant Attorney General  
United States

## Summary

Hampton Dellinger appears in state and federal tribunals handling major trial, appellate, and regulatory matters. As a top official in the Department of Justice (Deputy Attorney General) and the Governor's Office (Chief Legal Counsel), he worked closely with leaders in North Carolina's executive, judicial, and legislative branches, along with state Attorneys General from across the country. He has been a DC-based partner with a transatlantic law firm and has represented clients ranging from companies to civil rights and media organizations to small business owners, elected officials, and private individuals. North Carolina Lawyers Weekly named him a 2020 Leader in the Law; Business North Carolina magazine picked him as a member of the state's "Legal Elite" in 2012.

Hampton has been an adjunct faculty member at Duke Law School and published an article in the Harvard Law Review. Following law school, he clerked for an esteemed federal judge (J. Dickson Phillips, Jr.) on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Hampton is also a contributing writer for the Atlantic.com, and served as the lead legal analyst for NBC News and MSNBC during the federal criminal trial of a former Vice Presidential candidate and U.S. Senator (U.S. v. John Edwards).

Hampton's areas of practice include: antitrust, bankruptcy, campaign finance and election law, class actions, state and federal constitutional law, consumer protection, contracts, criminal law, employment and labor law, False Claims Act and qui tam cases, government contracting and bid protests, financial services, health care, intellectual property, public records, securities, tax, telecommunications, and torts. In addition to state and federal court litigation, he conducts internal investigations and has substantial administrative law experience.

## Experience

U.S. Department of Justice

Assistant Attorney General and head of the Office of Legal Policy, U.S. Department of Justice

October 2021 - June 2023 (1 year 9 months)

Law Firm of Hampton Dellinger, PLLC ([www.hdellinger.com](http://www.hdellinger.com))

Founder

November 2020 - October 2021 (1 year)

Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP

Partner

May 2013 - November 2020 (7 years 7 months)

TheAtlantic.com

Contributing writer

April 2012 - July 2015 (3 years 4 months)

Contributing writer on legal, political and cultural issues: <http://www.theatlantic.com/hampton-dellinger/>

Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson

Partner

September 2008 - April 2013 (4 years 8 months)

- \* Lead counsel for the successful bidder on a \$2.6 billion healthcare-related government contract
- \* Lead counsel in a False Claims Act case with over \$700 million in potential damages
- \* Lead counsel for a business technology company in protest proceedings for a \$265 million government contract
- \* Lead counsel for multiple personal injury plaintiffs in matters settled successfully

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP

Partner

2003 - 2007 (4 years)

- \* Lead counsel in the overturning of a \$120 million government contract wrongfully awarded
- \* Co-counsel for a major commercial publisher defending against a copyright infringement claim

- \* Lead counsel for an automobile manufacturer in a multi-million dollar indemnity action
- \* Co-counsel for healthcare provider and healthcare facility in the reversal of a \$500,000 medical negligence judgment on appeal
- \* Co-counsel for defendant in major federal court antitrust class action

North Carolina Office of the Governor  
Chief Legal Counsel  
2001 - 2003 (2 years)

- \* Oversaw the process for gubernatorial appointment of judges

NC Department of Justice  
Deputy Attorney General; Special Counsel  
1996 - 2001 (5 years)

- \* Lead counsel upholding a first-degree murder conviction
- \* Co-counsel defending North Carolina's tax on illegal drugs against constitutional challenge

WilmerHale  
Attorney  
1994 - 1996 (2 years)

- \* Co-counsel for a civil rights organization in a jury trial ranked as one of the "ten most noteworthy" in D.C. courts in an annual Legal Times survey
- \* Lead counsel for a Fortune 500 company in a federal court bench trial
- \* Represented media companies on telecom, FOIA, and defamation matters

U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge J. Phillips, Jr.  
Law Clerk  
1993 - 1994 (1 year)

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## Education

Yale Law School  
Doctor of Law (J.D.) · (1990 - 1993)

University of Michigan  
B.A., History · (1985 - 1989)

Chapel Hill High School