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Ches McDowell is a lobbyist who represents a wide variety of clients in all levels of government with a focus on the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Delegation in the United States Congress. Mr. McDowell represents clients in many industries including health care, financial services, entertainment, technology, outdoor sports, aviation, municipal government, nonprofits, state-wide associations, elections, energy, pharmaceuticals, and real estate development. Mr. McDowell was selected as one of the top 10 lobbyists in North Carolina by the *North State Journal* and he received honorable mentions for representing 45 clients during the 2020 North Carolina General Assembly short session with a diverse portfolio and for leading the lobbying corps in athletic representation.

Mr. McDowell participates annually in the National Conference of State Legislators, American Legislative Exchange Council Annual Meeting, State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Legislative Ag Chairs Summit, and other national and state political meetings.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. McDowell served as a law clerk for the Honorable David M. Warren at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Previously, Mr. McDowell was a Senior Legislative Consultant/Lobbyist at Randolph E. Cloud and Associates and a Lobbyist with a Raleigh, North Carolina law firm where he consulted, advised and lobbied for clients in a variety of industries with a wide range of interests. Mr. McDowell also worked for Senator Phil Berger in his position as Senate Republican Leader, and later when Senator Berger was elected Senate President Pro Tempore.

While attending law school, Mr. McDowell served as a legal intern for the Wake County Attorney's Office in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Mr. McDowell was selected by *Triad Business Journal* as one of its “40 Leaders Under 40” in 2021. He was recognized as a “Young Gun” in 2019 by *Business North Carolina* magazine.

Education

Campbell University School of Law J.D. (2014)

North Carolina State University B.A. (2011) Political Science, *magna cum laude*, with departmental honors

Admissions

North Carolina (2014)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2015)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (2014)

Clerkships

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Professional & Community Activities

North Carolina Professional Lobbyist Association, Member

Triangle Chapter of Delta Waterfowl, Co-Chair

North Carolina Forestry Advisory Council, Member

North Carolina Outdoor Heritage Council, Member

North Carolina Bar Association, Member

Alpha Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order, Alumni Advisory Council, Member

Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Member

Smith Province Council of Kappa Alpha Order, Deputy Province Commander

Fellowship Home, Board Member

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Winston-Salem, Board Member

Insights

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Triad Business Journal | 40 Under 40 2021: Ches McDowell

April 25, 2021



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Ches McDowell and Nelson Freeman Named Top 25 Lobbyists

August 3, 2020

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Selected To Business North Carolina Magazine's 2019 "Legal Elite"

January 10, 2019

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2018 North Carolina Short Session Adjournment

July 3, 2018

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5 Key Takeaways: North Carolina Legislative Update

September 26, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report June 17-23, 2016

June 24, 2016