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WILLIAM STURGES

Retired

Dancing With the Stars Charlotte Contestant



Q: *When were you at Shumaker and what was your position/practice area?*

A: I was a partner at Shumaker from 1995 to 2019, where I was in the Litigation practice group.

Q: *What is your current position and company?*

A: I am retired. Since retiring, I have continued to do volunteer work and serve on nonprofit boards. I was recently recruited to serve on The Board of Directors at Hound Ears Club in Boone, N.C. and I am currently the President. This position often feels like a full-time job, and the skills I learned as an attorney are very helpful.

Q: *What did you enjoy most about your career?*

A: I enjoyed learning new things every day and having great variety in the practice of law.

Q: *What is your favorite memory of your time working at Shumaker?*

A: My favorite memories are the Saddlebrook retreats. Each retreat was somewhat different, but they were all fun. They involved storytelling, playing golf, water volleyball, fishing and fish tales, drinking, eating, gambling, and late nights; plus some type of meeting to justify the weekend.

Q: *What is the best advice you can give a new attorney?*

A: As a new lawyer, your clients are the partners of the firm and the senior attorneys. If you learn to serve them well, you will develop great skills for pleasing and managing clients.

Q: *What news would you like to share about your personal or professional life?*

A: Last year, I was recruited to be a Star for the Dancing With the Stars show to raise money for Carolina Breast Friends in Charlotte. I will be dancing with a professional dancer on stage before a live audience of over 1,500 people. We will be dancing to "Love Machine" by Smoky Robinson and the Miracles and we will have a unique choreographed routine. The show is November 6th in the Knight Theater.