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EMPLOYMENT:

Wake Forest University School of Law
Professor of the Practice: July 2023 - current
Adjunct Professor: Fall 2017 - June 2023
-Real Estate Finance
-Real Estate Development
-Real Estate Drafting

Maynard Nexsen, PC, successor to
Nexsen Pruet, PLLC, successor to
Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier, successor to
Adams Kleemeier Hagan Hannah & Fouts
Associate: 1983 - 1989
Partner/Member: 1/1/90 - 12/31/22
Senior Counsel: 1/1/23 - current

EDUCATION:

Wake Forest University School of Law
J.D. 1983
Wake Forest Law Review (Research Editor)
Wake Forest Moot Court Board
Order of Barristers

Virginia Tech
B.A. Political Science 1980

BAR MEMBERSHIP:

American Bar Association (1983 - current)
North Carolina State Bar (1983 - current)
North Carolina Bar Association (1983 - current)
Greensboro Bar Association (1983 - current)

BAR ACTIVITIES:

The North Carolina State Bar:
Councilor, Judicial District 18 (2003 - 2006)
Member, Real Property Specialization Committee (2003)

North Carolina Bar Association:
Member, Board of Governors (2000 - 2003)
Chair, Real Property Section Council (1999 - 2000)
(Vice Chair, Secretary and Member, 1994 - 1999)
Member, Litigation Section Council (1991 - 1994)
Chair, Local Bar Services Committee (1992)

Greensboro Bar Association:

Chair, Young Lawyers Division (1987 - 1988)

OTHER
MEMBERSHIPS:

American College of Real Estate Lawyers (2003 - current)
American College of Mortgage Attorneys (2017 - current)
Board Certified Specialist, Real Property Law - Business,
Commercial and Industrial Transactions (1997 - current)
Certified Mediator, North Carolina Dispute Resolution
Commission (2001 - current)
North Carolina Real Estate Commission: Licensed Broker
Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court (1992 - 1995;
Master, 2003)
Attorney Section Representative, North Carolina
Land Title Association (1990 - 1994)

COMMUNITY
SERVICE
AND
PRO BONO:

Director, St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Inc. (2007 - 2024;
Chair 2024-current)
Director, Early Childhood Center (2000 - 2003)
Director, Western Piedmont Residential Services
(group home for autistic adults)(1991 - 1995)
Director, Central Carolina Legal Services (Legal Aid)
(1986 - 1992)
Pro bono volunteer: Habitat for Humanity; Mary's House
(residential group home); Greensboro Housing Coalition
Various volunteer service at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
and St. Pius X Catholic Church (including service on the school
board)

HONORS:

Julian Nexsen Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award (2019)
James E. Cross, Jr. Leadership Award (2014)
(presented by North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal
Specialization)
Women in Business Award by The Business Journal (2006)
"Top Ten 50 Female Lawyers" by Law & Politics Magazine (2006)
Pro Bono Achievement Award (1990)
(presented by Central Carolina Legal Services)

SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENTS
AND
PUBLICATIONS:

Attached

PUBLISHED ARTICLES/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

1. Purchase Agreement Forms
NCBA/Real Property Section Commercial Real Estate Seminar
1988
John P. Daniel and Margaret E. Shea
2. Pre-Litigation Preparation
Law Seminar For Legal Secretaries and Paralegals
Legal Seminars, Inc., Denver, Colorado
March 11, 1989 and April 7, 1990
Margaret E. Shea
3. Litigation Strategies in the Defense of Legal Malpractice Claims
NCBA/Litigation Section Professional Liability Seminar
October 25, 1990
Daniel W. Fouts and Margaret E. Shea
4. Real Estate Ethics
Ethics and Professionalism in the Practice of Law
Greensboro Bar Association
February 21, 1991
Margaret E. Shea
5. Real Estate Ethics
Looking at 1991 Real Property Issues
NCBA/Real Property Section Annual Meeting Seminar
April 26, 1991
Margaret E. Shea
6. Use of Paralegals in Real Estate Practice
North Carolina Land Title Association Annual Convention
July 25, 1991
Margaret E. Shea
7. Commercial Leases: Revisiting the "Standard" Lease
Central Carolina Legal Services
November 15, 1991
Margaret Shea Burnham
8. Ethical Considerations in Residential Real Estate-Selected Topics
Basic Real Property Practice and Procedure
NCBA/Real Property Section
February 14, 1992, January 22, 1993 and February 3, 1995
Margaret Shea Burnham

9. Let The Lawyer Beware: Theories of Lawyer Liability
Topics & Trends for Business Law in the '90s
NCBA/Business Law Section Annual Meeting Seminar
February 28, 1992
Margaret Shea Burnham
10. You and Your Right-Hand Person: Proper Supervision of a Real Estate Paralegal
LML Today
Volume 11, Number 2
June 1992
Margaret Shea Burnham
(excerpt from "Use of Paralegals in Real Estate Practice")
11. Residential Real Property Transactions - A Practical Overview and Specific Problem
Areas
NCBA Practical Skills Course
August 31, 1992; September 3, 1993; August 30, 1994
Margaret Shea Burnham
12. North Carolina's New Notary Statute Requires Strict Compliance
LML Today
Volume II, Number 3
September 1992
Margaret Shea Burnham
13. The Role of the Legal Assistant in Ensuring the Success of Today's Law Firm
The Unauthorized Practice of Law and Conflicts of Interest
Wake Forest University School of Law
July 15, 1994
Margaret Shea Burnham
14. Observations Concerning Dispute Resolution in Title Insurance
Claims Alleging Attorney Negligence
North Carolina Land Title Association Annual Convention
August 1994
M. Jay DeVaney and Margaret Shea Burnham
15. Malpractice Avoidance
Practical Legal Ethics Seminar
Wake Forest University School of Law
January 1995; January 1996; January 1997
Dan W. Fouts and Margaret Shea Burnham

16. Real Property for Paralegals Seminar - Malpractice and Ethics Issues
Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company
February 22, 1996
Margaret Shea Burnham
17. Oops! Wish I Had Seen That New Ethics Opinion . . .
NCBA/Real Property Section Annual Meeting
May 10-11, 1996
Margaret Shea Burnham
18. Malpractice Avoidance Tips for Real Estate Lawyers
NCBA/Real Property Practical Skills Symposium
November 7-8, 1996 and November 5-6, 1998
Margaret Shea Burnham
19. Malpractice Avoidance Tips
Protecting Your License: The Revised Rules of Professional Conduct
Greensboro Bar Association Foundation, Inc.
February 25, 1999
Margaret Shea Burnham
20. Ethics Issues in Commercial Real Estate Ensuring That “Ethics” and “Closings” Are
Synonymous
NCBA / Hot Topics in Commercial Real Estate
October 22, 1999
Margaret Shea Burnham
21. Malpractice Tips for the Unwary
Central Carolina Legal Services
November 5, 1999
Margaret Shea Burnham
22. Techno-Phobes, Step Aside – The Future Is Happening Now (The Changing Dynamic of
The Real Property Paralegal/Practitioner Team) “Paralegals and Technology”
Are You Adapting? Practical Implications of Computers
North Carolina Bar Association
April 5, 2000
Margaret Shea Burnham
23. Lawyering in the “old days” & Today (or, From the Manual Typewriter to the ThinkPad)
Ethics, Professionalism and Technology: Changing Relationships and Standards of
Practice
Greensboro Bar Association Foundation
February 15, 2001
Margaret Shea Burnham

24. Real Estate Malpractice Tips – New Developments of Interest
Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina
January 11, 2002; February 1, 2002
Margaret Shea Burnham (Panelist)
25. Legal Malpractice and the Residential Real Property Practitioner
The “Real Dirt”: 2002 Real Estate Symposium
North Carolina Bar Association Foundation
November 7, 2002
Margaret Shea Burnham
26. Caveat Emptor and the Disgruntled Buyer
2003 Annual Convention
North Carolina Land Title Association
August 8, 2003
Margaret Shea Burnham
27. Be Sure Before You Close: Caveat Emptor
(repeat of the NCLTA program entitled "Caveat Emptor and the Disgruntled Buyer")
NCBA/Real Property Section Annual Meeting Seminar
May 8, 2004
Margaret Shea Burnham
28. Caveat Emptor and the Disgruntled Buyer
(repeat of the NCLTA program entitled "Caveat Emptor and the Disgruntled Buyer")
Wake Forest University School of Law
February 11, 2005
Margaret Shea Burnham
29. Legal Malpractice and the Residential Real Property Practitioner
15th Annual Festival of Legal Learning
UNC School of Law
February 11-12, 2005
Margaret Shea Burnham
Edward P. Lord
30. Recent Ethics Issues Regarding Real Estate Closings
North Carolina Bar Association Legal Assistants Division Annual Meeting
North Carolina Bar Association Foundation
May 20, 2005
Margaret Shea Burnham
31. Agreements To Agree (A Rose By Any Other Name: Is Your Contract *Really* a Contract?)
North Carolina Land Title Association
September 2005
Margaret Shea Burnham

32. So You've Been Appointed State Bar Trustee – Where Do You Start?
North Carolina Land Title Association
August, 2008
Margaret Shea Burnham
33. Contractual Conundrums
North Carolina Land Title Association
September, 2009
Margaret Shea Burnham
34. Opinion Letters – Do's and Don'ts – Ethics, Professionalism and Malpractice Avoidance
North Carolina Bar Association
Margaret Shea Burnham
Real Property Section Newsletter
September 2012
35. Clear as Mud? Understanding your ethical duties as a “dirt” lawyer
Greensboro Bar Association
Margaret Shea Burnham
February 21, 2013
36. First Aid for POAs: Tips for preventing and repairing mistakes in planned communities
North Carolina Bar Association
Margaret Shea Burnham and Erin Sloan Cowan
December 2015
37. Commercial Real Estate Purchase Agreements: Agreeing to Disagree
North Carolina Bar Association
Margaret Shea Burnham and Erin Sloan Cowan
August 2016
38. “Things I never knew I never knew...a real estate attorney's adventure in learning (the hard way) what brokers know.”
Margaret Shea Burnham
February 2018
39. “Practice Tips for Commercial Real Estate Closings: a Checklist of Checklists”
August 2018; presented at North Carolina Land Title Association September 14, 2019
40. “Negotiating Title Commitments”
Panelist, NCBA Advanced Topics in Real Property: A Specialization Review
August 2018
41. Past Chair's Panel: Then and Now
Panelist, NCBA Real Property Section Annual Meeting
March 2019

42. "So you're thinking about economic incentives for your NC real estate project? Economic Incentives 101 for the entrepreneur."
Margaret Shea Burnham and Ernest Pearson
April 2019
43. "Opinion Letters: Do's and Don'ts"
Margaret Shea Burnham
May 1, 2019
44. "COVID-19 Checklist: Issues to Consider for Commercial Real Estate Purchase Contracts and Closings"
Margaret Shea Burnham
August 28, 2020
45. "The new Corporate Transparency Act and its potential impact on North Carolina commercial real estate attorneys"
Margaret Shea Burnham
August 31, 2021
46. "Property Management: Lessons learned from court cases when things went wrong"
Margaret Shea Burnham and Antigone Feredinos Gragg
presented at NAI Global: Property Management Council March 2022

BOOK:

North Carolina Real Estate with Forms (Thomson Reuters)
Co-Editor with Edmund T. Urban, Nancy Ferguson and Robert Ramseur, Jr.
Updates: 2018-2022