



## Aaron C. Garnett

Associate

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Aaron C. Garnett is a trial attorney focusing his practice on resolving complex commercial disputes through creative solutions, pre-suit negotiation, and litigation.

Aaron represents clients involved in complex commercial disputes. He advises on case strategy and brings creative problem-solving skills that help achieve his clients' objectives, whether that includes settlement or taking a case through trial.

Aaron focuses on disputes involving telecommunication issues and breach of contract litigation with an emphasis on noncompete and partnership agreements. Regarding telecommunication issues, Aaron has sought relief in federal courts in several states against localities for denying wireless carriers' and their affiliates' applications to install or collocate telecommunication equipment.

Aaron also has years of handling a variety of other types of complex commercial cases, including those involving business torts, employment matters, professional liability claims, real estate-related litigation, banking litigation, and others.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Aaron obtained significant trial experience assisting with numerous trials and litigation involving complex commercial disputes from inception to conclusion. He also served as a judicial extern for Special Masters Gary J. Golkiewicz and George L. Hastings of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Office of Special Masters in Washington, D.C.

## Representative Matters

### Business Torts

- Won summary judgment in a case involving proceeds from the sale of real estate being wired to the wrong account.
- Appellate counsel in an appeal securing reversal of a judgment in a derivative action involving a \$62 million business.
- Obtained a confidential settlement for investors who were the victims of a bait-and-switch scheme involving the sale of precious metals.
- Obtained a judgment against a securities broker business for treble damages for civil theft.

### Contract Disputes

- Trial counsel in a three-day jury trial in a broker commission dispute resulting in a favorable verdict.
- Represented a recruiting agency in its recovery of unpaid recruiting fees from two AmLaw 100 firms.
- Obtained a settlement for an investor in a lawsuit against his partner for breach of contract.
- Obtained a judgment for an investor against business developers for breach of contract.

### Construction and Real Estate-Related Litigation

- Lead trial counsel in a bench trial in a real property-related litigation resulting in a favorable judgment.
- Acted as trial counsel in a three-day jury trial related to property valuation post-environmental contamination resulting in a favorable verdict.
- Obtained settlement for a subcontractor in a lawsuit against the general contractor involving payment bond claim.
- Obtained settlement for a manufacturer against an engineering firm in professional negligence action arising from defects in components manufactured specially for the client.

- Acted as trial counsel in a three-day jury trial in a dispute involving the sale of real property resulting in a favorable verdict.

### Other

- Obtained favorable confidential settlements in employment disputes involving intentional tort, breach of contract, and breach of severance agreement.
- Recovered favorable settlement in a legal malpractice claim.
- Recovered confidential settlement in a lawsuit involving an accounting malpractice claim.
- Defeated summary judgment and obtained confidential settlement on the eve of trial in a lawsuit involving the Uniform Commercial Code and check deposits.



## Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – The Florida Bar
  - Business Law Section
  - Trial Lawyers Section
  - City, County, and Local Government Law Section



## Publications

- "Tales from the Dark Side: Insights from a Former Plaintiff's Attorney" (November 2022)
- "Florida Supreme Court: No Safe Harbor for UCC Errors," republished September 21, 2022, in the *Daily Business Review* (August 2022)



## Education

- Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D.
  - Book Awards: CALI Award for Excellence in Law and Medicine, CALI Award for Excellence in Cross-Disciplinary Professional Development, CALI Award for Excellence in Intellectual Property, CALI Award for Excellence in Metropolitan Externship, ABA/BNA Affairs Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law
- Liberty University, B.S., summa cum laude



## Admissions

- Florida, 2012
- Maine, 2024
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, 2013
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, 2023
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 2015
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2024