

## **Sara W. Harrington, Attorney at Law**

Sara W. Harrington focuses her practice on probate, estate administration, and estate planning in Orange, Chatham, Durham, Lee, Orange, Moore and Harnett Counties. Prior to practicing this area of law, Sara represented debtors filing for debt relief and consolidation through Chapter 13 and Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. She has a solid commitment to helping individuals and families preserve and protect their assets and ensure their wishes for their future care are known.

Since 2002, Sara has helped hundreds of clients navigate difficult legal problems during some of the most stressful times of their lives. She strives to provide straightforward, caring, and efficient solutions that fit her client's needs.

Sara's clients comment that her approachable nature, ability to translate difficult legal concepts and compassion make them feel at ease.

Sara graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelors of the Arts Degree in English and minor in art. Between her undergraduate studies and law school, Sara worked in marketing and public relations. Sara served as the Communications Director for the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council and worked with the Empowerment Project in Chapel Hill. Sara graduated from Campbell University School of Law in 2002. During her time there, Sara served as an intern with Rufus Edmisten, wrote and handled marketing for the Campbell Law Observer and worked as a research assistant in the law library.

Sara joined the firm in 2018 because of the firm's reputation as being fierce, efficient and caring. Prior to joining Averett Family Law, Sara practiced law in firms throughout the Triangle and Sanford, NC.

- **Licensed to Practice Law in North Carolina since August 2002**
- **Admitted to practice in Federal District Court in Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina**
- **Admitted to United States Supreme Court**

### **WORK HISTORY**

Attorney and principal – *Law Office of Sara Harrington*, Sanford, NC, 2015-2018

Attorney - *Gilleland, Winstead, Feindel & Lucas, LLP*, Sanford, NC, 2012-2015

Attorney and principal – *Law Office of Sara Harrington*, Sanford, NC, 2010-2012  
Attorney - *AB Harrington III Law Firm*, Sanford, NC, 2006-2010  
Attorney - *Merritt Webb*, Durham, NC, 2005-2006  
Attorney and principal - *Harrington Law Firm, PLLC* – Raleigh, NC, 2003-2005  
Law Clerk - *Edmisten & Webb Law Firm* – Raleigh, NC, 2000-2003  
Director of Communication - Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, Raleigh, NC, 1997-1999

## **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctor - Campbell University School of Law, Buies Creek, NC, May 2002  
B.A., English; Minor, Art – Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, May 1994

## **INTERNSHIPS**

Research Assistant, Campbell School of Law Library, Buies Creek, NC 2000-2002  
Advertising Editor, Case Summary Writer, Campbell Law Observer, 1999-2001  
Workshop Coordinator, Personal Assistant, Empowerment Project, Chapel Hill, NC 1994  
Public Relations Assistant, Ralph Simpson & Associates, Winston-Salem, NC 1993  
Docent, Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Winston-Salem, NC 1993  
Communications Assistant, Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, 1992

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- North Carolina Bar Association, Estate Planning Section, Member
- North Carolina Bar Association, Elder Law Section, Member
- North Carolina State Bar, Member
- Member of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Mentoring Committee
- North Carolina Bar Association Estate Planning CLE Committee, member
- Lee County Bar Association, Former president
- Lee County Bar Association, 2010-2018
- National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys 2005-2015
- Lawyer Referral Service Committee, North Carolina Bar Association, Member, 2014-2016,
- Wake County Bar Association 2002-2010, member
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Sanford Business and Professional Women
- NC Bar Association 4ALL Statewide Service Day volunteer 2019
- Social Media Chair, Sanford Business and Professional Women, 2013- 2017, 2019

- Jobseekers of Sanford volunteer 2010-present
- Speaker to Young Commissioners on safe use of social media 2015-2018
- 4H Activity Night, judge, 2010-2013 Kiwanis Club of Lee County 2011-2017
- Lee County United Way Community Investment Team 2010-2017
- LCI Board Member, 2011- 2017
- Business and Professional Women, 1997-2017 (Durham, Raleigh and Sanford Chapters)
- Communications Secretary, Kiwanis of Lee County, 2014-2017
- Planning Committee Member, The Women's Exchange, 2013-2017
- President, Lee County Bar Association, 2012-2013
- Lee County Boys and Girls Club Mentor 2012-2013
- President Park Avenue Community Watch 2010-2012
- Legal Aid Local Advisory Committee 2010-2012
- Member of Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness which founded Family Promise of Lee County 2010-2011
- Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program 2010
- Sustainable Sandhills board member and marketing committee member 2010 - 2012
- Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador 2008-2011
- Raleigh Business and Professional Women Young Careerist 2004
- Wake County Habitat for Humanity Outreach Committee 2004-2005
- Sanford Boys and Girls Club Mentor of the Month September 2012 North Carolina Press Club Member 1997-2000
- Founding member of the Jane S. Barringer Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship Committee
- Earned Girl Scout Gold Award in 1990 for promoting environmental awareness including a town festival in conjunction with Sanford Downtown Revitalization
- Former member Junior League of Orange and Durham Counties