

Shanahan Law Group

Boutique Firm, Big Results

When the Office of the State Treasurer was recently sued by the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC), it turned to Raleigh-based Shanahan Law Group for help. The lawsuit accused the state treasurer of failing to comply fully with records requests for information about the state pension fund. Shanahan Law Group vigorously defended the matter, and a Superior Court judge dismissed the lawsuit in its entirety.

The state treasurer's case is just one of many high-profile clients and cases the firm routinely handles. When North Carolina's tobacco farmers were in danger of losing millions of dollars owed them by the tobacco industry, their association called on Shanahan Law Group. In a case that went to the state Supreme Court and attracted national attention, the firm intervened and secured more than \$400 million in payments for the farmers.

Shanahan Law Group combines major-league experience with the personal touch of a smaller firm. Being smaller allows Shanahan Law Group to be more client-focused while averting the client conflicts which big firms routinely face.

"We've proven that a big firm with a lot of lawyers is not required to handle a complex case," says Kieran J. Shanahan, the firm's founder and principal. "In today's business environment, clients want a firm that has tenacity, experience and credibility."

Those are the traits that define Shanahan, a former federal prosecutor who served four terms on the Raleigh City Council, and his firm's entire legal team. Shanahan has an insider's understanding of both the legal system and political process, and he surrounds himself with associates who are equally adept at cutting through red tape to create opportunities for clients and secure positive outcomes in a variety of venues. His firm recently added another heavy hitter to its legal team: former N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr.

Shanahan Law Group, one of the most sought-after business law firms in the Southeast, often goes up against much larger firms representing, in some cases,



Members of the Shanahan Law Group legal team



SHANAHAN LAW GROUP, PLLC

About the Firm

Name: Shanahan Law Group

Location: Raleigh

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Services: Business litigation, business formation and exit strategies, licensing and distribution, agribusiness, employment law, white collar criminal defense, wills, trusts and estates, government representation

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The Honorable I. Beverly Lake, Jr., Former Chief Justice, N.C. Supreme Court recently joined the SLG legal team.

powerful Fortune 500 companies. Whether handling a multimillion-dollar class-action lawsuit, a complicated tax case for a local municipality in North Carolina or a zoning appeal on behalf of a real estate developer, Shanahan Law Group combines the experience of a large law firm with the personalized attention that only a boutique-style firm can offer.

Shanahan Law Group considers itself pro-business and is just as likely to defend companies as it is to challenge them. When a national company was sued in a class-action wage case in Los Angeles, the firm was successful in having the class

de-certified.

A number of companies keep Shanahan Law Group on retainer to assist with general corporate matters, particularly should the threat of litigation arise.

"Whenever possible, we look for alternatives to litigation," says Shanahan. "Court is the last place you want to be; however, if you have to go, we have the experience to do courtroom battle for our clients."

"I became a lawyer because I like helping people," Shanahan adds. "We help our clients navigate through a maze of legal, regulatory and other issues. No problem is too small or too large for us to take on." ■