

North Carolina



Rod Pettey and Brian Williams Obtain Dismissal of Franchisee in Unfair Competition Suit



Brian Williams



Rod Pettey

Mr. Pettey and Mr. Williams obtained summary judgment on behalf of a local propane dealer in a contentious business dispute filed by a national competitor. The case was filed in the North Carolina Business Court and included claims of unfair and deceptive trade practices, misappropriation of trade secrets, tortious interference with contractual relations and punitive damages. The parties engaged in extensive discovery including numerous depositions of the corporations and scrutinizing the relevant business and accounting records. After an unsuccessful mediation, Mr. Pettey and Mr. Williams moved for summary judgment. The Court granted summary judgment for our client after oral argument which resulted in the complete dismissal of plaintiffs' complaint.