Nishma Patel

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OVERVIEW

Nishma works in Troutman Pepper Locke's Consumer Financial Services litigation practice. She defends businesses in complex civil disputes, including class actions, mass arbitrations, and regulatory matters, and she advises clients on litigation risk, credit compliance, anti-trust regulations, subpoena responses, and government investigations.

Nishma has handled cases from the initial pleadings through discovery, motions practice, hearings, mediations, arbitrations, and trials in state and federal court. She has represented clients before the Fourth Circuit, drafting briefs and assisting with oral argument preparation. Her work for businesses and individuals has included internal investigations and negotiations over complex commercial and regulatory obligations.

Previously a felony assistant district attorney in Wake County, NC, Nishma tried cases and handled motions practice and appeals. She serves on the North Carolina Bar Association's Appellate Rules Committee and has been recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for Commercial Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, and Bankruptcy Litigation.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: *Ones to Watch:* Commercial Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Bankruptcy Litigation, 2024-2026
- *Super Lawyers*® North Carolina Rising Stars, General Litigation, 2023-2026
- *Business North Carolina Magazine* Legal Elite, Young Guns, 2023

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Consumer Financial Services
- Financial Services

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Appellate Rules Committee member, North Carolina Bar Association (2022-present)
- North Carolina Pro Bono Coordinators Network Committee (2025-present)
- North Carolina Legal Aid Disaster Relief Hotline (2024-present)
- General counsel, Miss North Carolina Organization (2022-2025)
- Board member, Our VOICE (2022-2024)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Felony assistant district attorney, Wake County District Attorney's Office, 2016-2021
- Intern, Wake County District Attorneys Office, 2015-2016
- Extern, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina, 2015

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 2016, Order of the Barristers; UNC Holderness Moot Court – National Team member; treasurer
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S., 2013, UNC Student Congress Representative; Delegate to the Community for UNC Constitutional Reform; University of North Carolina Leadership Institute

BAR ADMISSIONS

- North Carolina

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina

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