

# ROANE LAW

## **Curriculum Vitae James M. Roane III**

### **Contact Information**

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### **Areas of Practice**

- Nursing Home- Plaintiffs only
- Personal Injury -- Plaintiffs only
- Motor Vehicle Accidents -- Plaintiffs only

### **Employment**

April 2008 to present: Owner and lead attorney, Roane Law, Greensboro, NC  
August 2001 to April 2008: Director of Litigation, Crumley & Associates, Greensboro. Led a team of four attorneys and five paralegals as supervising attorney.

### **Academic Positions**

January 2008 to present: Adjunct Trial Practice Professor, Elon University School of Law.  
Responsibilities include instruction of foundational trial skills and advocacy.

### **Education**

- Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston Salem, North Carolina, 1999, J.D.  
*Honors:* National Trial Team Regional Winner and Elite Eight in the Nation  
*Honors:* Most Outstanding Advocate from North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers  
*Honors:* Dean Search Committee, March 2007. Provided input that led to the selection of the new dean of the Wake Forest School of Law.
- The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1992, BA in Political Science.  
*Honors:* Cum Laude  
*Honors:* Worked as a supervisor at UPS; two-term President of Tau Kappa Epsilon

## Awards

- Spring 1999 – Most Outstanding Advocate award from North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers
- March 2007 – Served on the search committee that assisted in the selection of the new dean of the Wake Forest School of Law.
- **Legal Elite 2007** – top attorney in North Carolina under the age of 40 for 2007. BUSINESS NC Magazine polled 17,885 licensed attorneys in North Carolina who chose the winner.
- **North Carolina Advocates of Justice** – Order of Service award 2008.

## Professional Qualifications and Related Speaking Engagements

- **North Carolina Advocates of Justice** – current Vice President of the Nursing Home Division
- **Guilford County Nursing Home Advisory Committee** – appointed in August 2005 by the Guilford County Commissioners to talk to local nursing home residents about the care they were receiving.
- **Piedmont Triad Council of Governments** – July 2006. Speaker at the Greensboro coliseum annex on “*Disaster Preparedness for Nursing Homes.*” Most attendees were nursing home operators, staff and advocates for the elderly.
- **Cleveland County Department of Social Services** – November 2006. Speaker on “*Disaster Preparedness for Nursing Homes.*” Most attendees were local operators of nursing home facilities, staff and social services personnel.
- **Guilford County Paralegal Association** – May 2007. Continuing education speaker; topic: “*Don’t Lose Your Case Before You Even Get Started: Rules 9(j) and 702- Special Considerations in Nursing Home Cases.*”
- **North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers** – January 2008. Continuing education speaker; topic: “*The Arbitration of a Nursing Home Case - from Start to Finish.*”
- **North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers** – October 2008. Continuing education speaker; topic: “*Nursing Home Cases – Basic Traps for the Unwary.*”
- **Cherryville High School** – keynote speaker for the graduation of the Class of 2007.
- **Guilford Technical Community College** – Fall 2007 and Fall 2008. Speaker for the Elder Law Class on nursing home negligence.

## Publications

- Lawyers Weekly: January 2004. Article title: “*Wreck Plaintiff Wins \$29,000 Verdict for Neck Injury Despite No Car Damage.*”
- Lawyers Weekly: May 2005. Article title: “*Family of Alzheimer’s Nursing Home Resident Gets \$275,000 Verdict After Fatal Fall.*”
- The Dispatch Lexington, NC: November 2006. Article title: “*Jury Award Family in Nursing Home Suit (\$480,000.)*”
- Greensboro News & Record: April 2008. Article title: “*Mental Health Reform Flaws, Laid Bare.*”
- Lawyers Weekly: October 2008. Article title: “*Mother Permanently Injured in Head-on Collision Settles Case (\$3.8 million).*”

**Professional Memberships**

North Carolina Bar Association  
North Carolina Advocates for Justice  
American Association for Justice  
American Advocates for Justice  
Inns of Court  
Friends of Residents in Long Term Care

**Personal Information:**

Place of birth: Washington DC  
Citizenship: United States  
Marital status: married  
Spouse: Sarah Roane, attorney

**Interests:**

Recreational volleyball, bicycling and coastal fishing