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Michael B. Brough founded the Brough Law Firm (now The Brough Law Firm, PLLC) in 1988 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Today, the Principals of the firm are G. Nicholas (Nick) Herman, Robert E. (Bob) Hornik, and T.C. Morphis, Jr. The Associate Attorneys in the firm are Albert M. Benshoff and Kevin R. Hornik. The firm has offices in Chapel Hill and Concord, North Carolina, and its practice is primarily devoted to representing local governments in state and federal court in areas of land use law, civil rights defense, employment law, general representation, and litigation and appeals. In addition, the firm also assists numerous land-use developers, individuals, and corporations in a broad range of municipal and land use matters, such as seeking development approvals or engaging in litigation at the trial and appellate levels.

The Brough Law Firm, PLLC has been named a Tier 1 firm in the areas of Land Use and Zoning Law by *US News and World Report* for 2016.

The firm serves as general counsel for Aberdeen, Cameron, Carrboro, Carthage, Creedmoor, Foxfire Village, Hamlet, Hillsborough, Hoffman, Mocksville, Monroe, Oakboro, Pinebluff, Robbins, Roxboro, Stem, Vass, and Whispering Pines. The firm also provides special litigation services for the Town of Cary, City of Concord, and Currituck County, and regularly assists numerous other cities and counties throughout the State in matters ranging from ordinance drafting to litigation.

The firm's private clients include commercial and residential developers, individuals, citizen groups, businesses, and other corporations. We advise and represent these clients on a broad range of planning, zoning and land-use related issues such as rezonings, variances, special and conditional use permits, annexations, condemnations, vested rights, subdivision development, historic district designations, and regulations under the N.C. Coastal Area Management Act, as well as other land use and environmental laws.

The members of the firm have extensive experience in litigation and appellate matters, and have argued over 130 cases in the N.C. Supreme Court, N.C. Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In addition, various members of the firm have taught on the adjunct faculties at the University of North Carolina School of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Duke University School of Law, Campbell University School of Law, Elon University, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and at the School of Government in Chapel Hill. Collectively, the members of the firm have published 13 books and monographs, and over 80 articles (including Continuing Legal Education papers) on various areas of law in which the firm practices.

## G. NICHOLAS (NICK) HERMAN

G. Nicholas Herman received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Morehead-Cain Scholar and his law degree from Duke University School of Law. He has extensive litigation experience in state and federal court in a wide variety of areas of law, including municipal and county defense, zoning issues, personal injury, civil rights, eminent domain, and employment law. He has also argued over 35 cases in the North Carolina Supreme Court, North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth District.

Mr. Herman is also an Adjunct Professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law, Campbell Law School, and Elon University, and he has taught on the adjunct faculties at Duke Law School and UNC-CH Law School. He teaches courses in trial practice, the law of evidence, legal counseling and negotiating, arbitration, appellate advocacy, civil procedure, alternative dispute resolution, and pretrial litigation, among other courses. He has also taught on the faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy in trial practice, negotiation and mediation, and deposition-taking skills. He is the author of six law books: *North Carolina Civil Trial Practice* (Juris Publishing, Inc. 2012); *Navigating the First Year of Law School* (Carolina Academic Press 2016); *Practical Evidence: The Law, Foundations, and Trial Techniques* (2d ed. West Group 1999); *Plea Bargaining* (3d ed. Juris Publishing Inc. 2004); *Legal Counseling, Negotiating & Mediating: A Practical Approach* (Carolina Academic Press 2009); and *A Practical Approach to Client Interviewing, Counseling, and Decision-Making: For Clinical Programs and Practical-skills Courses* (Carolina Academic Press 2009). He has also written over 50 articles on various subjects of civil litigation.

Mr. Herman has been a lecturer at numerous Continuing Legal Education programs on topics such as land-use regulation powers, civil litigation and trial advocacy, eminent domain, the law of damages, witness preparation, legal aspects of drug testing, and ethical considerations in civil litigation and appellate practice. He now serves as general counsel to the Town of Carrboro and the City of Roxboro. He has served as special litigation counsel for Cabarrus County, Rockingham County, Chatham County, Currituck County, the City of Concord, the City of Wilmington, the Town of Unionville, and the Town of Garner. His practice is otherwise primarily devoted to general representation and litigation and appeals involving areas such as county and municipal law, zoning issues, land use regulation, condemnation cases, nuisance abatement, employment law issues, business litigation, and personal injury.

**ROBERT E. (BOB) HORNİK, JR.**

Robert E. Hornik, Jr. received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, in Political Science from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York, and his law degree from The Washington & Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Virginia. Before becoming a principal in the Brough Law Firm, he engaged in the private practice of law in Syracuse, New York, representing local governments and real estate developers.

Mr. Hornik's practice emphasizes municipal law, zoning and land use law, litigation, and ordinance drafting. He serves as general counsel to the Towns of Hillsborough, Hoffman, Pinebluff, and Stem, and supports others in the firm in their capacities as counsel for the Firm's other municipal clients. Mr. Hornik has represented and advised municipalities in New York and North Carolina on issues including local finance, employment, annexation, zoning, planning and environmental law, and private developers in administrative and judicial proceedings at the State and Federal levels.

Mr. Hornik has extensive litigation experience in municipal, land use, and annexation matters in trial and appellate courts, including the North Carolina Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. He has also counseled clients in various commercial real estate transactions, including site acquisition, leasing and financing of multi-million-dollar commercial, retail and office ventures, and large scale residential subdivisions. Mr. Hornik's practice has included representation of several regional and national wireless telecommunication providers in the site acquisition and permitting processes for wireless telecommunications facilities, including State and Federal court actions brought under the Telecommunications Act.

Mr. Hornik is admitted to practice not only in in North Carolina and New York, but also in the federal courts in the Northern and Western Districts of New York, in the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina, in the United States Circuit Court for the Fourth Circuit, and in the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the North Carolina, New York and American Bar Associations. Mr. Hornik is active in the North Carolina Bar Association's Zoning, Planning, and Land Use Section, having served as a member of the Section's first Section Council. He served two terms as Chairman of the Section's Continuing Legal Education Committee, and has presented continuing legal education programs for municipal attorneys and newly admitted attorneys on numerous occasions.

## **T.C. MORPHIS, JR.**

T.C. Morphis grew up in Hickory, North Carolina. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and History from UNC-Chapel Hill and his Law Degree and a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Mr. Morphis' primary practice areas include municipal, zoning, land use, employment, code enforcement, environmental, and coastal area management law. He provides general legal counsel for the Cities of Creedmoor and Hamlet and the Towns of Aberdeen, Carthage, Robbins and Vass. He also works extensively with the Towns of Hillsborough and Pinebluff, and regularly represents citizen groups and other private clients in land-use litigation throughout North Carolina. Mr. Morphis has experience at all stages of litigation, from quasi-judicial hearings before local boards to trial court work and appellate advocacy before the North Carolina Court of Appeals and North Carolina Supreme Court.

Early in his career, Mr. Morphis served as an intern with the Conservation Trust for North Carolina, as a regional planning intern with the Triangle J Council of Governments, as a clerk with the City Attorney's office in Charlotte, North Carolina, as an extern for the Honorable Judge Linda McGee of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and as a co-instructor for a course in cultural diversity at UNC-Chapel Hill. Mr. Morphis' Masters-Degree Project compared land trusts and resource conservation efforts in North Carolina with forest conservation in India, and he was a recipient of a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies scholarship for the study of Hindi and Urdu. Mr. Morphis also received, at UNC-CH Law School, the Gressman-Pollitt Award for Oral Advocacy, the Best Overall award in the UNC Environmental Negotiation Competition, and recognition as a finalist in the Merhige National Environmental Negotiation Competition.

Mr. Morphis is admitted to practice in the State courts in North Carolina and in the United States District Court, Middle District of North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, and currently serves the Chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Zoning, Planning and Land Use Section Council. He has previously served as the Co-Editor of the North Carolina Bar Association's *Land Use Law Quarterly*. He also previously served on the Triangle Land Conservancy's Land Protection Committee and as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the City of Durham's Community and Family Life Center at Lyon Park.

## **ALBERT M. BENSHOFF**

Albert M. Benshoff graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources. He briefly worked as a contractor for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (now the National Park Service) before working in environmental compliance for National Steel Corp. He later received a Master's Degree in Regional Planning from the University of Michigan.

For many years, he worked as a planner, first for the Beaufort County, S.C. Planning Commission, and then for the City of Cary, N.C. where he oversaw the adoption of the first Unified Development Ordinance, the construction of the first five miles of greenway, and several comprehensive plans. While working in Cary, he attended the evening law program at N.C. Central University School of Law, in Durham, NC.

After receiving his law degree, Mr. Benshoff became the City Attorney for Lumberton, N.C. and then served as the City Attorney for Concord, N.C. Some of his accomplishments in Concord include litigating a major zoning challenge to the new Cabarrus County jail, re-writing the Concord Development Ordinance, obtaining and defending Inter-Basin Transfer Permits from the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers to Concord and Kannapolis, assisting with the redevelopment of "Brownfield" sites, and organizing community development and the construction of the joint Albemarle-Concord- Kannapolis water pipeline.

Mr. Benshoff provides general legal counsel to the Towns of Oakboro and Mocksville as well as the City of Monroe, and has worked with other local government clients, including the Towns of Aberdeen, Carthage, Selma, Holly Springs, Pinebluff, Robbins, the Lumberton Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City of Roxboro, and the Village of Pinehurst. He practices in the areas of real estate development, contracts, economic development, annexation, land use and zoning, eminent domain, housing authorities, code enforcement and community development, including US Housing and Urban Development programs.

Mr. Benshoff is licensed in the North Carolina state courts and U.S. District Courts of the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina, as well as the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, where he serves as co-chair of the legislative section of the Zoning, Planning and Land Use section and on the Board of Directors of the Government & Public Sector section where he is also the legislative section co-chair. He also serves on the Board of Directors and as Secretary of two non-profit corporations providing housing to low income seniors in Cabarrus County, the Methodist Episcopal Senior Housing, Inc. and Housing Episcopal Methodist Presbyterian, Inc.

## **KEVIN R. HORNIK**

Kevin R. Hornik received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, in History from Queens University of Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2013. He received his law degree in 2016, and was admitted to practice in all courts of this State in 2017.

While in law school, Mr. Hornik worked as a legal writing consultant and instructor, assisting and advising students on their legal writing assignments. He also worked as an intern at the school's Community and Economic Development Clinic, providing pro bono legal services to non-profit and community and economic development organizations in the Charlotte area and in the surrounding communities. He also was a member of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, participating in and attending lecture series in the greater Charlotte area through both law school and The Magellan Society.

Mr. Hornik's experience includes local government and municipal land use matters, as well as non-profit and community economic development work. He practices with the firm by counseling the firm's numerous local government clients in land-use, regulatory, and employment matters, including all operational and transactional aspects of those local governments. In addition, he provides integral legal research, and litigation representation and support for cases litigated by the firm on behalf of local governments. This includes counsel and representation in administrative matters, quasi-judicial proceedings, trial proceedings, and appellate cases brought on behalf of the local governments represented by the firm in the N.C. Court of Appeals, N.C. Supreme Court, the federal district courts of North Carolina, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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“Professionalism Issues for Local Government Counsel,” Professionalism for New Attorneys Program (N.C. Bar Association, October 14, 2015)

“Protecting Endangered Properties - Prevention of Demolition by Neglect and Other Preservation Tools,” Preservation North Carolina Annual Conference. (Salisbury, NC, September 17, 2015)

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“Quasi-Judicial Procedures,” Town of Aberdeen Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission (January 15, 2015)

“Fair Housing and Local Government Land-use Regulations Affecting Persons with Disabilities,” Town of Cary Board of Adjustment (October 6, 2014)

“Fair Housing and Reasonable Accommodations by Local Governments,” 2014 North Carolina Planning Conference (October 2, 2014)

“Managing the Attorney-client Relationship and Organization of a Legal Department,” Professionalism for New Admittees Program (N.C. Bar Association, May 15, 2014)

“The State of Local Government Powers after *Lanvale Properties, LLC v. Cabarrus County* and into the Future,” Joint Zoning, Planning & Land Use Section and Government/Public Sector Section C.L.E. Program (N.C. Bar Association, March 28, 2014)

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“With a Little Help From My Friends—Negotiation Techniques,” N.C. Bar Association C.L.E., “We Can Work It Out—15<sup>th</sup> Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting,” (April 11, 2008)

Leadership Lecture (Elon University Center for Leadership, March 12, 2008)

“Constitution Day,” Lecture to Elon University, College of Arts & Sciences: “Exploring Some Common Constitutional Myths” (September 19, 2007)

“The Legal Responsibilities of the Landlord Under N.C. Law,” Housing Workshop (City of Roxboro, N.C., July 23, 2007)

“Professionalism in Your Practice” (Orange County Bar Association C.L.E. Second Celebration of Professionalism, January 26, 2006)

“Law Students and Lawyers in Professionalism” (Orange County Bar Association C.L.E. on Professionalism, February 12, 2004)

“Update on the City of Hickory Unified Development Ordinance” (Catawba County Bar Association meeting, June 12, 2009)

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“Local Regulation of Intensive Livestock Operations After *Craig v. County of Chatham*” (N.C. Bar Association C.L.E. Program October 4, 2002)

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“Legal Aspects of Drug Testing for Health Professionals” (N.C. Alliance of Allied Health Professionals 1988)

### **Organizational Affiliations of Members of the Firm**

North Carolina Bar Association, Zoning, Planning, Land Use Law Section  
North Carolina Bar Association, Real Property Section  
North Carolina Bar Association, Government and Public Sector Section  
North Carolina Association of Municipal Attorneys  
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### **Bar Memberships for Members of the Firm**

North Carolina State Bar  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District, N.C.  
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United States Supreme Court