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Mr. Hagan was named as a North Carolina Litigation Star by *Benchmark Litigation* in the 2016 through 2021 editions. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and was named the 2015 Raleigh "*Lawyer of the Year*" and 2021 Raleigh "*Lawyer of the Year*" for Medical Malpractice Litigation – Defendants. He has been a North Carolina *Super Lawyer* since 2006. He holds a Martindale-Hubbell AV® peer review rating.

Mr. Hagan has served as both Vice President and President of the IADC Foundation Board. He served as a faculty member of the IADC Trial Academy. In 2023-2024, he will serve as Chair of the IADC CLE Committee. He served as Chair of the 2020 DRI Virtual Annual Meeting. He served as a DRI National Director from 2017 through 2020.

Mr. Hagan recently received DRI's Mary Massaron Award for Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina. He served as a law clerk to Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr. of the North Carolina Supreme Court from 1992 to 1994.





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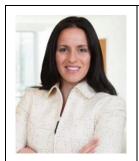
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Prior to joining the fraud section, she was an associate and a partner in the D.C. office of a global law firm, where she counseled companies on criminal and civil enforcement and compliance issues, including conducting internal investigations and implementing corporate compliance programs. In that that role, she also served as a member of an independent compliance monitor team appointed in connection with a Plea Agreement with a Brazil-based petrochemical company and counseled a multinational medical device company during its independent compliance monitorship.





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Santee Cooper was created as a "New Deal" project and founded in 1934 as a state owned Electric and Water utility - one of its missions being the electrification of rural South Carolina. Today Santee Cooper employs approximately 1,600, has approximately a \$2 billion budget, and provides electricity and water to direct serve, wholesale, and industrial customers. Santee Cooper services ultimately reach the homes and businesses of two million South Carolinians.

Mr. Land has served on the Santee Cooper board for more than 20 years and chairs its legal affairs committee. In this capacity, he assists Santee Cooper in-house and outside counsel with analysis, strategy, and management of governance, stakeholder, and litigation related matters. This includes recent litigation associated with the expansion of the V.C. Summer nuclear station, an attempted sale of Santee Cooper - which would have converted the agency to an investor-owned entity, and legislative reform.





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During Ms. Moore's Capitol Hill tenure, she advised Republican leaders in both the House and Senate. In the 113th Congress, Ms. Moore was Senior Counsel for Oversight for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, led by Ranking Member David Vitter (R-LA). In this capacity, she spearheaded the Committee's efforts to bring enhanced transparency and accountability to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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