

JOHN DAVID LOVE

FIRM: Michael Best & Friedrich, *Raleigh*

HOMETOWN: Lancaster, South Carolina

UNDERGRAD: Clemson University

LAW SCHOOL: Campbell University School of Law, 2004

PRACTICED LAW: 16 years



FAMILY: Father Ray, mother Debbie, twin brothers Scott and Steve

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: I'm over New Year's resolutions at this point in my life.

2024 WORK-LIFE CHANGE: Get more efficient with my time.

GO-TO STRESS RELIEVER: Any number of things – a snowboarding trip (season permitting), a walk in the woods, a workout, listening to some relaxing music.

BUCKET LIST: Take a cross-country RV trip. There's no better way to experience America.

BIGGEST RISK: I'm subject to a confidentiality agreement on that.

LEGAL WORK MYTH: They think it's as sexy and exciting as what they see on TV.

LAST SHOW BINGE-WATCHED: "House of Lies." Due to some questionable values at that stage of my life, the lawyer version of Don Cheadle's character in that show was my aspiration.

COMFORT FOOD: I can make ice cream disappear faster than you can say "shot of insulin."

SPECIAL FOOD: My mom's quinoa

FAVORITE FICTIONAL ATTORNEY: Sean Penn as David Kleinfeld in "Carlito's Way."

FAVORITE N.C. HANGOUT: Hanging Rock

BBQ - EAST OR WEST?: South Carolina mustard-based is better than both.

LEGAL INSPIRATION: A business law class at Clemson in the fall of 1998. And watching Matt Damon in "Rounders."

BEST PROFESSIONAL ADVICE: "Sometimes the only justice you get is the justice you take." I've passed that one along many times since I heard it.

FICTIONAL COURTROOM WHERE YOU'RE THE LAWYER: This question is discriminatory against transactional attorneys. We are lawyers too! And I have zero and I mean zero desire to argue a case in a courtroom, either in real life or make-believe.

ALTERNATIVE CAREER: Either an investment banker or a CFO. Maybe a blackjack dealer. Or a professional snowboarder.

2024 MILESTONES: Hopefully several large M&A deals to run point on.

DEFINE SUCCESS: Finding true happiness in helping others succeed, doing it the right way and having others aspire to be like you.