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Jim Hefferan is a Senior E-Discovery Attorney with Kilpatrick's LitSmart® E-Discovery Team. With more than 14 years of experience in commercial litigation, Jim brings a wide range of expertise to e-discovery. As a member of the LitSmart team, Jim has conducted numerous document reviews in a variety of practice areas, including complex business litigation, financial services and construction. Jim assists with the management of document review teams, develops review protocols and conducts high level QC and privilege review. In addition, he conducts legal research and drafts pleadings for litigation matters.

Prior to joining the LitSmart team, Jim represented companies in a variety of industries including sports and entertainment, media, manufacturing, and telecommunications. He has extensive trial experience and has argued before the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Jim previously served as an Assistant Professor of Law and then an Associate Professor of Law in Charlotte, NC, where he taught courses on Commercial Law, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Contracts Drafting, Introduction to the Study of Law, Sales, Secured Transactions, and Amateur Sports Law. He also served as an Adjunct Professor at Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where he taught Sports Law and Native American Law.

While attending law school, Jim received the West Publishing Company Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement. In addition, he was a member of the Wake Forest Law Review from 2001-2003 and the Notes and Comments Editor from 2002-2003. During law school he published *Taking One for the Team: Davidson v. University of North Carolina and the Duty of Care Owed by Universities to their Student-Athletes*, 37 Wake Forest L. Rev. 589 (2002).

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. (2003) *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

University of Michigan B.A. (1999) Political Science, *with highest distinction*

Admissions

North Carolina (2003)

Court Admissions

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Professional & Community Activities

American Bar Association, Member

North Carolina Bar Association, Sports & Entertainment Law Section, Member

Gaston County Bar, Member

Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church, Lector (2012-Present)

City of Belmont Planning & Zoning Board, Member (2016-Present)

City of Belmont Zoning Board of Adjustment, Member (2016-Present)

Belmont Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee, Member (2017-Present)

Gaston County Animal Care and Enforcement Advisory Board, Member (2017-Present)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Lector (2007-2012)

Piedmont Chamber Singers, Board of Directors (2008-2011); Vice President (2010-2011)

Wake Forest University Deacon Club; All-American Level, Member (2000-Present)

Insights

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In-House Counsel Summit

September 25, 2025

[Perspectives](#)

6 Key Takeaways | Beyond the Game: Legal and Institutional Shifts in the NIL Era

August 5, 2025

[Alert](#)

Federal Government Continues Climate Change Rollbacks Under Executive Order 14260

May 7, 2025

Publication

We Hold These Rules to Be Self-Evident: Document Review, Relevance, and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

May 6, 2024

News

Kilpatrick Townsend Argues Two of the Ten Biggest Patent Cases of 2020

December 17, 2020