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**WELCOME** to Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC's first newsletter, designed to bring you updates and information regarding our practice areas. We hope you enjoy this edition, and we welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas.

## FIRM PROFILE

"Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC serves individuals, businesses, municipalities and county governments throughout Wayne County and Eastern North Carolina."



*Attorneys, from left to right: Borden Parker, Phil Baddour, John Hine, Greg Riley, and Bill Orander*

**B**addour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC was founded in 1967 when Philip A. Baddour Jr. began practicing law with the late Robert H. Futrelle. We moved to our present location at 208 South William Street in Goldsboro in 1975. John C. Hine joined the firm in 1977, followed by E.B. Borden Parker in 1979 and William D. Orander, III in 1995.

Our firm is now comprised of five attorneys, including associate Gregory T. Riley. With our professionally trained staff of paralegals, legal secretaries and assistants supporting us, we use state-of-the-art equipment and the most current legal research materials to ensure that our clients are served in a timely, efficient and responsive manner.

Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC serves individuals, businesses, municipalities and county governments throughout Wayne County and Eastern North Carolina. We provide a comprehensive range of professional legal services in the

areas of Auto Accidents, Personal Injury, Brain Injury, Wrongful Death, Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, Real Estate, Wills, Trusts & Estates, Taxation, Family Law, Business Law, Civil Litigation and Product Liability.

## OUR ATTORNEYS

### PHILIP A. BADDOUR, JR.

Goldsboro native Phil Baddour, brings 35 years of experience to his practice of Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability and Civil Litigation. A certified mediator, Phil frequently mediates and arbitrates cases for attorneys across Eastern North Carolina. Additionally, he formerly served in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

### E.B. BORDEN PARKER

Borden Parker focuses his practice on Local Government, Family Law and Civil

Litigation. Serving as the Wayne County attorney for over 20 years, Borden has recently become the attorney for Greene County. He also has extensive experience as legal counsel for local government agencies.

### JOHN C. HINE

John Hine's areas of practice include Tax Planning, Wills & Estate Planning and Business Law. He represents a wide variety of individual and corporate clients throughout North Carolina in tax and business matters. Additionally, John is one of a select number of attorneys designated by the North Carolina State Bar as a Board Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

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# SECURE YOUR CASE IN THE HANDS OF OUR PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS



Members of our experienced litigation team

By Phil Baddour & Greg Riley, Attorneys at Law

For over 34 years, Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC has protected the rights of citizens injured in accidents due to someone else's negligence. Often injuries are physically, emotionally and financially devastating for the injured party and his or her family. Negotiating with insurance companies can be complex and requires knowledge of relevant North Carolina case law. Phil Baddour and Greg Riley are experienced Personal Injury lawyers who are successful in negotiating with insurance companies to obtain fair settlements for their clients. If a fair settlement cannot be reached, we have an experienced litigation team that will present a well-prepared and professionally delivered case to the jury. Members of our litigation team include Phil Baddour, Greg Riley, Carol Branch, an experienced paralegal, and Janis McLendon, an experienced legal secretary.

At Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC, your attorney always meets with you personally for a free, initial consultation in personal injury cases. The consult allows you and your attorney to become acquainted and gives the attorney the opportunity to better understand your case. We are well-versed in the complicated areas of uninsured and underinsured coverages and are able to identify all insurance coverages available to compensate you for your injuries.

Personal injury cases are taken on a contingency fee basis, which means you owe no attorney's fees unless we successfully collect

money on your behalf. After the initial meeting, our litigation team closely monitors the case. We take pictures of the accident scene as well as the wrecked automobiles, interview witnesses and assemble and summarize medical records and medical bills. When you have reached maximum medical improvement and your case is ready to be presented for settlement, we assemble a professionally prepared settlement brochure to present to the insurance adjuster. At all times your input is essential and welcomed by our firm.

If a settlement cannot be reached with the adjuster, we will file a lawsuit on your behalf and enter into the litigation process. After extensive discovery, you will be represented at a mediation hearing where both sides come together to attempt to settle the case. If the mediation is not successful, your case proceeds to trial and our attorneys meticulously prepare your case for presentation to the jury.

By hiring Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC for a personal injury claim, you have time to recover from the effects of the accident without having to worry about the legal implications of your case. Your case is secure in the hands of our experienced attorneys.

## THE HISTORY OF 208 SOUTH WILLIAM STREET

The property that houses the office of Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander has a long history. In 1840, William Robinson traveled from Ireland to Wayne County and made his home at 208 South William Street.

Six years later, William married and the couple was blessed with four sons. Son Thomas Ruffin Robinson, Sr., at age ten, sat on the brick wall in front of the house and watched as Sherman's Army marched through Goldsboro.

Tom married in 1903 and continued to live in the family home. His son, Thomas Ruffin Robinson, Jr., grew-up to be the Mayor of Goldsboro. All told, three generations of Robinsons lived in the home from 1840 to 1935.

In 1935, Frank Taylor, former Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, purchased the property and built the structure that is currently our office. Our firm bought the house on South William Street in 1976. It has been our place of business since that time.

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### WILLIAM D. ORANDER, III

Bill Orander's practice is focused on Residential and Commercial Real Estate Law. Bill is one of a select number of attorneys designated by the North Carolina State Bar as a Board Certified Specialist in Residential Real Property Law. Additionally, Bill represents clients with Family Law matters and has both trial and appellate level experience.

### GREGORY T. RILEY

Greg Riley joined the firm in 1999 and concentrates his practice in the areas of Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, Civil Litigation and Criminal and Traffic Offenses. He works closely with Phil in the litigation section. Greg also represents victims in civil domestic violence court through his work with the Lighthouse of Wayne County, Inc.

*For more information about our attorneys, please visit our website at: [www.goldsborolawyers.com](http://www.goldsborolawyers.com)*

# THE ATTORNEY'S ROLE IN THE PURCHASE OF YOUR HOME

By William D. Orander, III, Attorney at Law

An attorney can play a very important role in the purchase of your home. As you make the biggest investment of your life, it is your attorney's responsibility to represent your interests, explain the contents of the documents you sign and advise you of any title problems with the property.

In the vast majority of home purchases, after you have selected your home and applied for a loan, you will select an attorney to close your loan. As a buyer you have the right to choose an attorney. It is important to put as much thought into selecting your attorney as you put into selecting your real estate agent and lender. You should strongly consider choosing a North Carolina State Bar Board Certified Specialist in Residential Real Property Law.

Your attorney will perform a title search on the property you are purchasing. The title search involves checking the public records at the courthouse and tax office to confirm the seller actually owns the property being sold and to determine if there are any liens against the property that need to be paid at closing. Once your attorney completes the title search, he or she prepares an opinion on the title, listing any exceptions.

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## REFERRALS WELCOME

Legal issues are overwhelming. If you have a legal matter and need our assistance, please let us know. We welcome your calls or questions and appreciate any opportunity to help. Feel free to refer us to your friends and family. We accept referrals from other law firms as well. Thank you for your trust in our firm.



*Selecting an attorney is an important decision. Prior to choosing legal counsel, we recommend discussing this matter with friends, relatives, co-workers and/or representatives.*

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM INJURED ON THE JOB?



By Greg Riley, Attorney at Law

Thousands of people in North Carolina sustain work-related injuries each year. Unfortunately, many people are unsure of what to do if they are hurt at work. If you are injured on the job, here are some important things to remember:

- 1) Immediately notify your employer that you have been injured. Give notice, both oral and written, to your immediate supervisor or to another appropriate management-level employee. The law specifically requires that you give your employer written notice of a work-related injury within 30 days of the date on which the accident occurred.
- 2) Make a list of the following information: a) where you were at the time of the accident; b) what you were doing at the time of the accident; c) the approximate time at which the accident occurred; and d) the names of any people who witnessed the accident. You will need the above information for future reference and to file a claim to protect your rights.
- 3) File a workers' compensation claim with the North Carolina Industrial Commission. You must file a claim with the commission within two years of the date of your injury or your claim may be forever barred.

Contact Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC for a more detailed explanation of the rights and benefits potentially available to you pursuant to the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act.

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When the title search is complete, your lender will have prepared a loan package to send to your attorney. The loan package contains various documents you will sign at closing, as well as instructions outlining the terms and conditions of your loan. The documents are then reviewed for accuracy and for verification that all of the lender's contingencies have been met. In addition, the sales contract will be reviewed and a settlement statement will be prepared showing all closing costs and how the funds are to be disbursed.

The final legal step in your home purchase is to conduct the closing. At closing, your attorney meets with you, explains your

loan documents in “Plain English” and witnesses the signing. The deed and deed of trust are then recorded at the courthouse, and the loan proceeds are disbursed to the appropriate parties as shown on the settlement statement.

You should consult an attorney before you sign any sales contract. After all, once you sign a contract, you are obligated to fulfill its terms.

*For more information regarding the purchase of your home, contact Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander, PC.*