

## Narrative Bio for Nicole Murphey:

Nicole Murphey is a partner at BridgehouseLaw LLP and focuses her practice on U.S. and European corporate, transactional and employment issues and has represented a wide variety of multinational companies, national and local businesses, and individuals. She is fluent in German and advises clients in litigation avoidance strategies on a range of human resources issues, including employment policies, handbooks, contracts, offers of employment, terminations, as well as confidentiality and non-competition agreements. She also represents employers and management in litigation of contractual claims and corporate defense before federal and state courts.

As an alumni of the first Sister Cities student exchange between her hometown of Gastonia, NC and Gotha, Germany, she continues to support the successful cultural exchange program, now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year. While majoring in German at Wake Forest University, she also studied abroad in Vienna, Austria. Her numerous experiences in Germany and Austria throughout her academic career developed her appreciation of cross-cultural differences, and ability to provide creative solutions for clients' needs in foreign settings.

Nicole started representing European corporate clients in 2007 with the Atlanta-based firm of Byrne, Davis, and Hicks, P.C. In 2011, she joined BridgehouseLaw, an international corporate practice firm with offices in Atlanta, Berlin, Charlotte, Cologne and Munich. BridgehouseLaw was awarded the Mayor's International Community Award in the Small Business category in 2013, honoring foreign-owned companies for their outstanding contributions to philanthropy and Charlotte's status as a global center. Nicole is a member of the State Bar of North Carolina and the South Carolina Bar.

### Education:

North Carolina Central University School of Law, JD, 2006  
Wake Forest University, BA, 2003, *German & International Studies, Caldwell Scholar, Delta Phi Alpha National German Honor Society*

### Professional and Community Activities:

North Carolina Bar Association, Member of International Law and Practice Section  
South Carolina Bar, International Law Committee Member; *CLE Course Planner and Presenter for International Law Section at 2015 SC Annual Bar Convention*  
Mecklenburg County Bar  
German American Chamber of Commerce - South  
Gaston Gigabit Fiber Committee  
Gastonia Sister Cities  
Wake Forest University Alumni  
Gaston Day School Alumni

### Admissions:

State Bar of North Carolina (2006)  
United States District Court – Western Division of North Carolina (2008)  
South Carolina Bar (2012)