Family Law Section

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

SENATOR GERALD MALLOY

Senator Gerald Malloy is an attorney of Hartsville. He received a B.S. from the University of South Carolina in 1984 and a J.D. in 1988 from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He continued his studies in the Professional Masters of Business Administration; July 8, 1989. He is married to Davita McFarland, and has four children, Donovan, Jonathan, Jordan, and Morgan.

Senator Mallory is admitted to practice in the South Carolina Courts and Federal District Court.

He is Past President, South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association; member, South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Lawyer Conduct, 1996-2002; served on Judicial Qualifications Committee of the South Carolina Bar Association; Representative for Fourth Judicial Circuit for Young Lawyers Division, South Carolina Bar Association; Chairman, Public Defenders Board of Darlington County Bar Association; Chairman, Hartsville Recreation Committee; former President, Hartsville Northern Youth Baseball League; served on Hartsville Downtown Development Board; University of South Carolina Alumni Board; life member, University of South Carolina Alumni Association and helped establish Butler Heritage Foundation.

Member: South Carolina Bar Association; Commissioner, Indigent Defense Commission; member, Governor's School for Science and Math Foundation Board; member, Jerusalem Men's Ensemble, Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Finance Committee at Jerusalem Baptist Church; member, Appeals Committee for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Board; member, Center for Educator, Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA), Chairman, South Carolina Criminal Justice Task Force in South Carolina Senate 2006- present; life member, University of South Carolina Letterman Association; member, Lions Club International; and life member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Senator Malloy is the recipient of the Home Rule Award by South Carolina Association of Counties, 2003; Recipient of the South Carolina Library Association Friend of the Libraries, 2004. He was inducted into the National Honor Roll for the National Library Association in 2005. He was recognized by South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for support of Teen After School Centers (TASC) Program in 2007. He is the recipient of the South Carolina Public Defender Association Legislator of the Year Award, 2007 and recipient of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Distinguished Service Award, 2008. This award was named the Gerald Malloy Distinguished Service Award and is awarded annually. He has served in the South Carolina Senate, 2002 - present.

HON. JOHN E. WAITES

The Honorable John E. Waites was appointed as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of South Carolina on June 27, 1994, and as the District's Chief Bankruptcy Judge on March 1, 2006. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and is chairman of the Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, He also serves as a

member of the Access to Justice Commission of the South Carolina Supreme Court and teaches as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Charleston School of Law.

JANE H. DOWNEY

Jane Downey is a 1990 graduate of Emory Law School. After working 7 years as an associate at Nelson Mullins, she started her own firm. Upon moving to China for 6 months, she joined Moore Taylor, Thomas, P.A. where she currently practices bankruptcy law. She is a past president of the SC Bankruptcy Law Association and the bankruptcy specialization board. She is a certified specialist in bankruptcy, as recognized by the SC Supreme Court and the national American Board of Certification. She currently serves on the editorial board of the SC Lawyer magazine and the pro bono committee of the SC Bar. She is married and has 3 boys, ages 17, 12 and 11.

J. MARK TAYLOR

J. Mark Taylor has been selected numerous years for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America (Family Law), annually recognized by *South Carolina Super Lawyers* magazine from its inception as one of the top Family Law attorneys in South Carolina, selected by Greater Columbia Business Monthly's Legal Elite and Columbia Metropolitan magazine for Best South Carolina Attorneys. He has received the highest individual rating of "AV" in Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory. Affiant was the recipient of the University of South Carolina School of Law's highest alumni recognition, the Complete Lawyer Award (Gold Medallion).
Mr. Taylor is a current Fellow, current National Board of Governors member and Past-President of the S. C. Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Past-President of the Lexington County Bar Association, Past-Chair-Elect of the Family Law Section of the South Carolina Bar, Past-Chair of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association Family Law Section, Past Chair of the Family Law Committee of Lexington County, a member of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association, Lexington County liaison to the Family Law Committee of Richland County, former Eleventh Circuit Representative to the S. C. *Family Lawyer,* former gubernatorial appointee to Joint Legislative Committee on Children and Families, former liaison to S. C. Families for Kids Bench/Bar Committee, member of Steering Committee of Family Court Improvement Project, former member of Bench-Bar Committee to Study Work of Family Court, former Eleventh Circuit member of the South Carolina Bar Fee Disputes Board, one of twenty-four Special Investigators appointed to assist the Disciplinary Counsel, and was a speaker on numerous Family Law Continuing Legal Education Programs (including JCLEs and judicial conferences) over the span of three decades. Approximately 95% of his practice involves matrimonial litigation and dispute resolution.

DEAN ROBERT M. WILCOX

A.B. (1978) Duke
J.D. (1981) University of South Carolina
Rob Wilcox joined USC law faculty in 1986 after practicing with Dow, Lohnes & Albertson in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta. Among his primary teaching and research interests are Professional Responsibility, Real Property, and Trusts and Estates. He has written and spoken extensively on professional ethics, and from 2003 to 2008, served as the Director of the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism, a USC School of Law -based clearinghouse of information and research pertaining to improvement of the character, competence, and conduct of legal professionals. He is the author of *South Carolina Annotated Rules of Professional*

Conduct (with N. Crystal) and has written a number of articles pertaining to legal ethics and professional responsibility.

Dean Wilcox serves on Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession, and on the South Carolina Commission on Judicial Conduct. He is a former chair of the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate, a frequent presenter at continuing legal education seminars around the State of South Carolina, and a member of the Order of the Coif.

He served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2006 to 2011 and became Dean on July 1, 2011.