Probate, Estate Planning & Trust Law Section

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

KATHRYN COOK DEANGELO

Kathryn Cook DeAngelo graduated *magna cum laude* from North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC, in May, 1984. After graduation, she served as law clerk to Henry E. Frye, former Justice and Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. She also has a B.A. in Business Education from Marshall University, Huntington, WV, and a M.Ed., from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Kathryn is licensed to practice law in South Carolina, North Carolina, the District of Columbia, and also admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Washington, DC, the United States District Court, District of South Carolina, and the United States Supreme Court. Prior to attending law school, Kathryn was a public school teacher and taught business/secretarial studies for about twelve (12) years at DuVal High School in Prince George's County, MD.

Kathryn has been a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) since 1991. In April 1995, Kathryn was the first attorney in South Carolina to become certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation [NELF] after successfully passing the first examination administered in November 1994 and completing other ABA-approved requirements for the specialty certification. In November 2009, Kathryn was among twelve (12) North Carolina attorneys to become the first to be certified by the North Carolina State Board of Legal Specialization as specialists in elder law. In October 2008, Kathryn was invited to join the Council of Advanced Practitioners [CAP] of NAELA and was accepted into membership. CAP is a small group of premier elder law attorneys, all of whom have been members of NAELA for at least ten (10) years, are certified as elder law attorneys by NELF, and are AV rated by Martindale Hubbell.

Kathryn's memberships include: Board of Governors of the South Carolina Bar for the Third Judicial Region (2011-2014); South Carolina Bar, North Carolina Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, and District of Columbia Bar; South Carolina Chapter NAELA, Board of Directors (2011-2012), past President (2001-2003), Chairperson of the Public Policy Committee (2011-2012); National College of Probate Judges (2006-current); Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Section of the South Carolina Bar, Member (1999-2002), Secretary (2002-2003), Vice-Chairperson (2003-04), Chairperson-Elect (2004-2005), Chairperson (2005-2006), Immediate Past-Chairperson (2006-2007), Section Delegate (2007-2008), and *Ex Officio* (2008-2010); Elder Law Committee of the South Carolina Bar, a founding member, current member, and Chairperson (2008-2010), Chairperson, Legislative Subcommittee (2010-2011); Elder Law Section of the North Carolina Bar (2010-current); North Carolina Chapter NAELA, member and Board of Directors (2011-2012); Representative, South Carolina Bar House of Delegates for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Horry County, SC (July 2006 - July 2010 and July 2011-July 2013); Board of Visitors, North Carolina Central University School of Law (2006-2010); Horry County Probate Court Advisory Committee (2002-current); Legacy Advisory Council, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC (2011-current); past member of various professional and civic organizations, including the Senior Advisory Board to Myrtle Beach City Council and Senior Summit Board of Horry-Georgetown Technical College. Kathryn is also a frequent presenter and lecturer on elder law issues at CLE's sponsored by the South Carolina Bar, frequently speaks to various state and community groups on elder law issues, and has been invited to teach about elder law at classes at Coastal Carolina University and Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

*Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation

ALYSON C. FUDGE

Principle Areas of Practice – Elder Law, Mental Health Law, Disabilities Law and Special Needs Law.
Alyson Fudge completed her undergrad career at the University of Georgia in 1998, and obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2002.
For nearly a decade, she has filed Medicaid applications and practiced estate planning/asset protection for the middle class of South Carolina.
In addition, Alyson is an active member of the Elder Law Committee and ProBono wills clinics. Outside of the Bar, Alyson participates in the National Academy of Special Needs Planners, South Carolina Aging In Place Coalition (Board Member), and the Low Country Senior Network (Board Member).

MARY L. BARROW

Ms. Barrow has been an attorney for almost 30 years. She began her career at Chadbourne & Parke, LLP, an international law firm located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York. She later served as an Assistant Treasurer of the State of Connecticut.
Before moving to Beaufort, South Carolina in 2006, she was a partner with Halloran & Sage, a 100-lawyer firm in Hartford, Connecticut, where she served as Chair of the firm's Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Law practice group.
Barrow Law, LLC, her practice in Beaufort, is devoted exclusively to estate planning, probate and trust law. She is currently a member of the Probate, Estate Planning & Trust Section Council of the South Carolina Bar.
Ms. Barrow is a graduate of Brown University and University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is admitted to practice in New York, Connecticut, South Carolina, and Georgia.

W. STEVEN JOHNSON

Principle Areas of Practice – Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Law.
Mr. Johnson has practiced for 35+ years concentrating his practice in the area of estate planning, probate and trust law.
He earned his A.B. degree at Wofford College in 1970 and obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1973.
Mr. Johnson is a past Chairman of the Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Law Section, and past Chairman of Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Law Section of Specialization Committee.
Outside of the Bar, he is the South Carolina State Chair for ACTEC (American College of Trust and Estate Counsel). In addition, he is a member of the “Fiduciary Income Tax Committee” of ACTEC.

MICHAEL L.M. JORDAN

Michael Jordan chairs the estate planning and probate practice for the Firm. He works with his clients to develop individual estate plans that help his clients meet their estate planning objectives.
Michael became a shareholder of the firm by merger in the Hilton Head Island office. Prior to becoming a shareholder in the Firm, Michael was secretary and a shareholder and managed the estate planning and probate practice of the Bethea, Jordan & Griffin law firm on Hilton Head, He was a founding member of that firm, Since coming to Hilton Head Island, his entire professional practice has been with the predecessor Bethea, Jordan & Griffin law firm and, now, McNair Law Firm.
Prior to coming to Hilton Head Island In 1973, Michael worked for the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan.

Michael is a native of Tucson, Arizona, Michael and his wife, Virginia, have been residents of Hilton Head Island, since 1973, They have three adult daughters and six grandchildren.

JOHN M. JOLLEY

John Jolley is a Shareholder Firm's Estate Planning practice group. John graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1998. He was admitted to the South Carolina and Virginia Bar in the fall of 1998. After graduation, John practiced in Richmond, Virginia and in Alexandria, Virginia before returning to South Carolina in the fall of 2000. John practiced in Columbia, South Carolina until joining McNair Law Firm in the fall of 2005.

John is certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Administration. John's community and professional involvement include: Writing and speaking regularly to public and private groups about Estate Planning, Estate Administration, and South Carolina Probate Issues; Member, Hilton Head Island Area Council of Estate and Financial Advisors; Board Member, The Sandbox (a children's interactive museum) Board Member, Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra; School Board Member, St. Francis Catholic School (Hilton Head); Estate Planning Instructor, University of South Carolina (Daniel Management Center) Certified Financial Planner Program; Former Estate Planning Instructor, Midlands Technical College Certified Financial Planner Program; Chair, Hilton Head Island Bar Association; Vice Chair, South Carolina Bar Probate Estate Planning and Trust Section Council; Member, South Carolina Bar Committee to study and propose changes to the South Carolina Probate Code; Past Chair, South Carolina Bar Professional Responsibility Committee; Served on the South Carolina Bar Committee studying the proposed Uniform Trust Code and on the South Carolina Bar Committee studying the ETHICS 2000 report of the American Bar Association; Member, Virginia State Bar.