Criminal Law Section, Part 1

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

CHIEF JUDGE JOHN CANNON FEW

John Cannon Few is the Chief Judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals.
John was born in Anderson on April 9, 1963. He grew up in Greenwood, and finished Greenwood High School in 1981. He attended college at Duke University. During his junior year, he served as Duke's athletic mascot, the Blue Devil. In 1985, he was graduated from Duke with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Economics.
John then attended the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he was a member of The Order of Wig and Robe, The Order of the Coif, and the South Carolina Law Review, which he served as Student Works Editor; He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1988.
John first served as law clerk to The Honorable G. Ross Anderson, Jr., United States District Judge, in Anderson. From 1989 until 2000, John practiced law in Greenville. John has been admitted to practice in all Courts of South Carolina, the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. John served as a Circuit Court Judge from July 1, 2000 until February 3, 2010. On that day, Judge Few was elected and sworn in as Chief Judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals.
Judge Few has been active in teaching law. He has been a member of the Faculty at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, since 2005. Judge Few has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Charleston School of Law since 2008, where "Professor" Few has taught Evidence and Advanced Evidence. In the summer of 2010 Charleston School of Law named him a Distinguished Visiting Professor. He has also given and moderated numerous Continuing Legal Education Seminars in South Carolina, and several other states. In 1996, he gave a speech entitled "Citizen Participation in the Legal System," for which he was awarded First Place in the American Bar Association's nationwide Edward R. Finch Law Day speech contest. Judge Few is a Fellow in the Liberty Fellowship Class of 2008, and a Senior Advisor to a member of the Liberty Fellowship Class of 2012.
John's daughter Reed is a 2012 graduate of Duke University with a B.S. in economics. His daughter Anna is a student at Clemson University. His son Cannon is in high school in Greenville. John is the son of J. Kendall Few of Greenville, and Belva Beasley Few of Greenwood. John and his children are members of First Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

HON. ROBERT E. HOOD

Robert. E. Hood was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1975. He attended The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, where he graduated with a degree in political science with a focus on criminal justice. Robert graduated from The Citadel with 434 merits, receiving the most outstanding disciplinary record in his class. While at The Citadel, Robert received gold stars, was on the Dean’s List, the Commandant’s List, the President’s List, and the Regimental Drum Major.
After graduating from The Citadel, Robert attended the University of South Carolina School of Law where he was a member of the Moot Court Bar and The Order of Barristers. While in law school, Robert worked as a lawclerk for the 5th Solicitor’s Office, which serves Richland and Kershaw counties. While serving as a lawclerk, he worked on three death penalty trials and numerous profile murder cases.
After graduating from law school, Robert worked as the Assistant Solicitor for the 5th Circuit Solicitor’s Office. Within sixty days of being sworn in as an attorney, Robert tried a murder case involving two defendants.

In 2003, Robert left the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office to work for the Attorney General's office as an Assistant Attorney General for the State Grand Jury. Robert prosecuted the largest financial criminal case in South Carolina at that time as well as numerous large scale multi-county drug trafficking cases. Robert is a member of the South Carolina Bar and admitted to practice in the following courts:

- U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
- All South Carolina State Courts

Robert currently defends all types of criminal cases in State and Federal courts in South Carolina, whether misdemeanors or felonies, including, but not limited to: fraud, including securities fraud, mail fraud, and wire fraud; drug trafficking and drug possession; DUI/DWI, violent crimes, white collar crimes, sex crimes, traffic violations, and procedural matters such as appeals, post conviction relief, expungements, and pardons.

Honors and Awards - Order of Barristers; Member, Moot Court Bar; Gold Star Recipient; Commandant's List; Dean's List; President's List

Professional Associations and Memberships - South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; South Carolina Association for Justice

HON. P. MICHAEL DUFFY

Michael Duffy received his undergraduate degree in 1965 from The Citadel and his law degree in 1968 from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from The Citadel at the 2000 commencement, and an Honorary degree from the Charleston School of Law in May 2011. From 1969until 1972, Judge Duffy served on active duty with the U.S. Armyin Germany and, from 1973 to 1974, was the Assistant County Attorney for Charleston County, South Carolina.

Judge Duffy was a partner in the law firm of Hollings & Hawkins and later a principal in the McNair Law Firm until his appointment to the federal bench on December 27, 1995. Judge Duffy's area of practice was civil litigation, including admiralty, aviation, commercial, environmental, and construction litigation, and appellate practice. He was admitted to practice in all courts in South Carolina, the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the U.S. Claims Court, the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Court of International Trade, and before the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Duffy is a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference. He maintained memberships in the Charleston County, South Carolina, and American Bar Associations and served on the Executive Committee of the S.C. Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline from 1986 to 1989. He serves on the Information Technology Committee of the Judicial Conference of the federal courts.

Judge Duffy was an Advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates where he served as chapter representative to the National Board from 1988 to 1991, and he was elected President of the Charleston Chapter in 1991. Judge Duffy is a past president of the Charleston YMCA, The Optimist Club of Charleston, and was the charter president of the South Carolina Irish Historical Society in 1979. He is a member of the Board of Directors of charitable foundations in the United States and Ireland. He is a senior bencher of The Citadel Inn of Court, and he has also served on the board of numerous civic organizations.

Judge Duffy has written and lectured widely on various litigation topics, and he teaches at the National Advocacy Center on a recurring basis.

Judge Duffy is married to the former Katherine Hostetter, and they have three children, Katie, Patrick and Brian, and seven grandchildren.

HON. R. LAWTON MCINTOSH

Rivers Lawton McIntosh graduated from Wofford College in 1982 and graduated from USC Law School in 1986.

He was a law clerk for the Honorable Luke N. Brown, Jr., Circuit Court Judge, Fourteenth (14th) Judicial Circuit in 1987 and 1987, and then practiced law with the law firm of McIntosh, Sherard and Sullivan from 1987 until he was elected to the Circuit Court Bench, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, on May 13, 2009.

HON. MARCIA G. COOKE

Marcia G. Cooke is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She received her law degree from the Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, Michigan, and is a graduate of the Georgetown University Edmund G. Walsh School of Foreign Service.

Judge Cooke practiced with the law firm of Miro, Miro and Weiner, and has served as a legal services attorney and a public defender, and as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Michigan. In 1984, she was selected as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and at the time of her appointment, was the youngest federal judicial officer.

Relocating to Florida in 1992, Judge Cooke served as an Executive Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for seven years. In 1999, Governor Jeb Bush appointed her to serve as the Chief Inspector General for the State of Florida, responsible for promoting accountability, integrity, efficiency and ethical behavior in the agencies under the jurisdiction of the Executive Office of the Governor. At the time of her nomination to the Federal Bench, she was an Assistant Miami-Dade County Attorney.

In addition to her other responsibilities, Judge Cooke is an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law teaching litigation skills and criminal law, and has also served as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School. She is a long-time faculty member of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), has taught at trial practice and litigation programs throughout the country, and lectured on issues related to trial practice and litigation.

Judge Cooke is a member of the Board of Governors and served as the national President of the Georgetown University Alumni Association. She was elected to the University's Board of Directors in 1998.

HON. ROBERT BRYAN HARWELL

Born 1959 in Florence, SC

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina

Nominated by George W. Bush on January 20, 2004, to a seat vacated by C. Weston Houck.

Confirmed by the Senate on June 24, 2004, and received commission on June 30, 2004.

Education:

Clemson University, B.A., 1980

University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., 1982

Professional Career:

South Carolina Army National Guard, 1987-1992

Law clerk, Hon. G. Rodney Peeples, State of South Carolina Judicial Department, 1983

Law clerk, Hon. Ross Anderson, Jr., U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, 1983-1984

Private practice, Florence, South Carolina, 1984-2004

C. ANDREW CARROLL

Drew Carroll practices law in Charleston SC. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina School of Law. Drew was a staff attorney with the Charleston County Public Defender's Office from 1997-1999. In 1999 he joined the Joye Law Firm, where he worked until forming the Carroll Law Firm in 2010. He is a frequent lecturer on the defense of DUI cases.

Drew has successfully completed the breath test courses on the DataMaster DMT and the BAC DataMaster offered by National Patent Analytical Systems, the manufacturer of the only breath test

devise approved for use in South Carolina. He has also completed NHTSA's Standardized Field Sobriety Test Practitioners Course as well as the NHTSA/IACP DRE overview course.
Drew is past President of South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the National College for DUI Defense, the South Carolina Bar Association and the Charleston County Bar Association.

HARRY A. DEST

Chair of the SC Commission on Indigent Defense

Harry Dest is a Circuit Public Defender for York County, South Carolina. He attended East Carolina University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1984. Afterwhich, Harry attended law school at Campbell University, obtaining his Juris Doctor in 1988.

Bar Admissions:

- SC Bar
- NC Bar
- York County Bar
- ABA

Professional Memberships/Certifications:

- NACDL
- SCACDL
- NLADA

Practice Areas: Criminal Defense

RUSSELL MACE

Russell Mace was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. He began legal career as a Public Defender in Miami in 1997 and after 3 years went to work for injury litigation firm in Boca Raton, Florida. One year later, he opened his first office in Miami Beach with a focus on criminal defense and personal injury. Russell opened the Myrtle Beach office in 2008. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar, Florida Bar and the New York Bar.