Dispute Resolution Section

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Thornwell F. (Biff) Sowell, Jr.

Practice Areas - Professional Liability and Ethics; Healthcare Litigation Construction; Litigation; Commercial Litigation and Business Dispute Resolution; Appellate Practice Group Alternative Dispute Resolution.
Admissions – South Carolina Bar; U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Federal Claims; U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit.
Education – Clemson University, B.A., 1973; University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., 1976; President of the Student Bar Association; South Carolina Law Review.
Associations – American Bar Association; Richland County Bar Association; Former member, South Carolina Bar House of Delegates; Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel; American Board of Trial Advocates; South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association; Chair-Elect, South Carolina Bar Dispute Resolution Section; Certified South Carolina Circuit Court Mediator.

Eric K. Englebardt

Education – University of North Carolina, B.A., 1986; University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 1989.

Bar Memberships - South Carolina; North Carolina; All United States District Courts in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Colorado; United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Professional Activities - Greenville County Bar Association; South Carolina Bar; North Carolina Bar; North Carolina Bar Association; South Carolina Defense Attorneys Association; DRI; Upstate Mediation Network; Upstate Mediation Center.

Practice Areas - Insurance Litigation; General Litigation; Products Liability; Corporate Litigation; Construction Litigation; Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation and Arbitration).

Public Service - Board Member, Board of Directors of The Family Effect, 2009 -present; Board Member, Board of Directors Temple of Israel, 2000 - 2006 (Second Vice President 2005 - 2006, 2011; First Vice President 2012-2014); Board Member, Temple of Israel Endowment, 1999 - present; Board Member, Upstate Community Mediation Center (2011-present); Northwood Little League Coach; Greenville Little League Coach; Cleveland Street YMCA Coach; Coach, Temple of Israel Youth Basketball; Hampton Pinckney Homeowner's Association; Eastside Sertoma.

Franklin G. (Frank) Shuler, Jr.

Education – Georgia Tech, B.S.I.M, 1977; Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 1983.
SC Bar Activities – Former Chair of Employment Law Section; Former (2001 – 2003) and current (2011 – present) Chair of Employment Law Specialization Advisory Board.
Other Legal Affiliations – DRI; Former Chair (2004 – 2006) Employment & Labor Law Section; Richland County Bar; Florida Bar; Alabama Bar.

H. Mill Gallivan

Mills Gallivan is the Senior Shareholder of Gallivan White and Boyd, PA, a litigation boutique serving clients in South Carolina and the Southeast. He is a graduate of Yanderbilt University and the University of South Carolina Law School. He has over 36 years of experience as an advocate in cases involving personal injury, business and commercial litigation. In 2010 and 2012 he was honored by Best Lawyers in America with the designation of; Best Lawyers' Lawyer of the Year, 2010 & 2012 Workers Compensation Law, Greenville, SC. In 2010 he was selected the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association as the thirteenth recipient of the j) prestigious Robert W. Hemphill Award, in recognition of his lifetime commitment to the legal profession and his community. He is currently a Senior Director of the federal ion of Defense & Corporate Counsel, President of the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence and President of the Upstate SC American Inn of Court. His experiences as a trial lawyer serve him well in his current ADR practice. He is committed to assisting litigants with the design of elegant and efficient solutions to complex legal problems through negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. He is a member in good standing with the South Carolina Par and the National Geographic Society.

Catherine H. Kennedy

Catherine Hood Kennedy is recognized throughout South Carolina for her expertise in probate and trust matters. She is the immediate past-chair of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the Bar, is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, is listed in the Best Lawyers in America-Trust and Estates, and has been named a South Carolina Super Lawyer, from 1987 to 1999, she served as the Richland County Probate Judge. Ms. Kennedy is presently a certified specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law practicing with the firm of Turner Padget Graham & Laney, PA, in its Columbia office.

Ms. Kennedy frequently testifies before legislative committees on changes in South Carolina probate and trust law, and often serves as an expert witness in probate matters. Ms. Kennedy served on the committee studying the Uniform Trust Code, which resulted in the enactment of the South Carolina Trust Code in 2005. She is currently chairing a committee to study changes to the South Carolina Probate Code which are currently being discussed in the legislature.

Catherine Kennedy is certified as a civil court mediator and arbitrator and served on the task force to draft and implement a pilot mediation program in the probate courts. She also assisted in drafting Probate Court Rule 5, which provides for a permanent mediation program in the Probate Courts.

Regina Hollins Lewis

Education – University of South Carolina, B.S., 1984; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1987.
SC Bar Activities - Past Chair, Judicial Qualifications Committee, Member, SC Bar Taskforce on Lawyer Image, Former Member, SC Bar Board of Governors. Presenter at various SC Bar CLE Programs.
Other Legal Affiliations - South Carolina Women Lawyers Association; National Bar Association; National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms; South Carolina Black Lawyers Association.

Richard L. Hinson

Education – The Citadel, B.A., cum laude, 1987; University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D. 1990.
Bar Admissions & Certifications – South Carolina Bar, 1990; United States District Court, District of South Carolina, 1990; Certified Civil Court Arbitrator, South Carolina, 1996; Certified Civil Court Mediator, South Carolina and USDC, 2000
Practice - Over two decades experience in general civil litigation and trial practice in both state and federal courts in South Carolina; over a decade of experience serving as a mediator, arbitrator, and special referee in civil matters in both state and federal courts.
Professional - Supreme Court of South Carolina Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution (2009 - present); Chair of Mediator and Arbitrator Committee; Chair of Programs Committee; South Carolina Bar Resolution of Fee Disputes Board (2008 - present); South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association (Executive Committee 2001-05); South Carolina Bar ADR Section Council (2001 -03); Florence County Bar Association (President, 2001); Best Lawyers® in America, Mediation (2009 - 2013); Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ - AV®; National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (2012 - present).

Robert W. (Rob) Hassold, Jr.

MEDIATOR AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

EDUCATION AND BAR MEMBERSHIP: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1976; University of South Carolina, J.D., 1979 (Chair, Honor Council); Member, South Carolina Bar, 1979.
EMPLOYMENT: Has mediated over 1900 disputes in statewide mediation practice focusing on the mediation of State Court, Federal Court, pre-lawsuit and multi-party disputes involving a wide variety of issues. Prior legal practice focused on contracts and litigation, arbitration and mediation of civil disputes in all forums. Extensive prior experience as an arbitrator, American Arbitration Association (Blue Ribbon Panel), in commercial and construction disputes, including large, complex and international disputes. Mediation of contract negotiation disputes, arbitration and other neutral services also offered.
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: Fellow, American College of Civil Trial Mediators, 2004 - ; Member, The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, 2010 - ; Peace Advocate, Peace Point, 2012 - ; Chair, 1996 to 2002, South Carolina Supreme Court Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification; Member, 1994-2002, South Carolina Supreme Court Joint Commission on ADR (Chair, Rules Committee); Member, South Carolina Bar Association (Chair, 1994-1995, 2009-2010, Dispute Resolution Section); (Chair 1992-1994, Construction Law Section); Member, Greenville

County Bar Association, (Chair, 1993, Settlement Week); Dean's Award, 1995, Clemson University, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities; listed in Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* and in Law & Politics' *South Carolina Super Lawyers* for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Martindale Hubbell (AV Rating).

LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS: Lecturer, Clemson University, 1994 to 2004: "Team Approach: Reducing Adversarial Relationships in Construction"; South Carolina Bar CLE Programs, Co-Author, *Partnering for Peace, Principle and Profitability*, ASA-FASA.; "Establishing a Mediation Practice", AAA *Dispute Resolution Journal* (Aug-Oct 2007); "A Mediator's Viewpoint", *South Carolina Lawyer* (Nov 2007). Has written articles and lectured on numerous occasions on dispute resolution topics.

COURSES AND TRAINING IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION: American Arbitration Association: Construction/Commercial Arbitrator Training Program, 1987; Advanced Arbitrator Training, 1988; Mediator Training, 1990; 40 Hour Civil Court Mediator Training, 1993; S.C. Bar Civil Mediation Training, 1993; Negotiation Workshop, Harvard Law School, 1995.

Donnell G. Jennings

Donnell Jennings has practiced law since 1989 when he began his career as a plaintiff's lawyer. Then, he was responsible for prosecuting various torts, including automobile accidents, and slip and falls. He left private practice for six years while he served as counsel to the South Carolina Senate Committee on Corrections and Penology and as senior research analyst for the South Carolina Senate Finance Committee. Yearning to return to the courtroom, Donnell joined Turner Padget in 1998 and since then has tried, as first chair, 80 civil jury trials to verdict throughout South Carolina.

Donnell focuses primarily in the litigation of personal injury, product liability and premises liability cases. He also handles employment law matters. He is routinely assigned cases in problematic counties such as Allendale and Hampton because of his trial skills and his ability to relate to jurors, regardless of the venue.

In 2008, Donnell was certified as a circuit court mediator and is rapidly growing this area of his practice. He has both plaintiffs and defendants throughout South Carolina seeking him as a mediator because of their positive experiences with him as a litigator. Donnell has earned a reputation among members of the South Carolina Bar as being aggressive, efficient, fair and reasonable. He has represented some of the nation's largest insurers, largest retailers and restaurant chains. He has also represented one of the nation's largest automotive manufacturers.

Sean F. Keefer

Sean was raised in South Carolina and attended the University of South Carolina where he received a degree in Journalism and a Masters of Mass Communications. He attended law school at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. He has been in private practice since 1997 with a focus on domestic relations.

Currently, he is a member of the firm of Keefer & Keefer in Charleston, SC where he concentrates his practice on Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Family Courts to include mediation, arbitration and collaborative law.

Sean also serves as a private action Guardian *ad Litem* and represents clients in contested domestic matters. He has developed an iPhone application for calculating child support obligations based upon the South Carolina Child Support Guidelines.

He is currently serving as the Secretary of the ADR Section Council. In his spare time Sean is a writer. His debut novel, *The Trust*, was published in 2011 and a follow up has recently been completed

Saunders M. (Sandy) Bridges, Jr.

Practice Areas - Professional Liability; Environmental Litigation; Toxic Torts; Insurance Defense; Environmental Law; Commercial Litigation; ADR; Medical Malpractice; Insurance.
Education - College of William & Mary and St. Andrews Presbyterian College, B.A., 1971; University of South Carolina, J.D., 1973.
Admitted - 1974, South Carolina and U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit; 1984, District of Columbia and U.S. Supreme Court
Memberships - Florence County (President, 1991) and American Bar Associations; South Carolina Bar; The District of Columbia Bar; South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association; Defense Research Institute; United States Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.
Born - Florence, South Carolina, May 26, 1949
Biography - Member, Editorial Board, South Carolina Law Review, 1972-1973. Senior Trial Attorney, Environmental Enforcement Section, U.S. Department of Justice, 1983-1985. Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers.

Danny C. Crowe

Danny received his B.A. degree (with a political science major) in 1972 from Duke University and his J.D. degree in 1975 from the University of South Carolina School Of Law. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November 1975.

He is a shareholder in the firm of Turner Padget Graham & Laney, P. A. in its Columbia office. His current practice focuses on local government law and mediation, and he is listed in The Best Lawyers in America for Municipal Law and Mediation. He has mediated cases since 1991 and has been a certified mediator in State and Federal Court since 1996 and a certified State Court arbitrator since 1997.

Danny was the 2001 President of the South Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association, and served as General Counsel of the Municipal Association of South Carolina from January 2003 through July 2005. He currently serves as Town Attorney for the Town of Saluda and City Attorney for the City of Cayce, From 1983 to 2003, Danny was a substitute Municipal Court Judge for the City of Columbia, Danny also was the 1997 President of the Richland County Bar Association and the first lawyer recipient of the Richland County Bar's Matthew J. Perry Civility Award in 2002. He has served on the Dispute Resolution Section Council since 2007 and is now Chair-Elect of the Council.

H. Ronald Stanley

H. RONALD STANLEY grew up in Conway, South Carolina and is a graduate of Virginia State College and the University of South Carolina School of Law. Ron has been engaged in the practice of law since 1977 and his practice consists primarily of personal injury litigation for plaintiffs and defendants. He is a certified mediator and also has a very active mediation practice.

Ron is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference and the John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court. He served as President of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates in 2010. Ron is married to Rita Laney Stanley and they are the proud parents of three adult sons. He and Rita are members of Francis Burns United Methodist Church where he serves as a member of the Finance Committee. Ron loves to travel and he enjoys attending Gamecock Sporting events.