Dispute Resolution Section

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Bradish J. “Brad” Waring

Bradish J. "Brad" Waring is a partner in the law firm of Nexsen Pruet, LLC in its Charleston, SC office. His practice focuses on commercial litigation in state and federal courts with emphasis on complex commercial litigation including products liability, insurance coverage, business litigation and maritime matters.

A 1975 graduate of The University of South Carolina and a 1977 graduate of its School of Law, Mr. Waring is a Past President of the South Carolina Bar and currently serves on the South Carolina Judicial Council and the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession. Mr. Waring has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Business Litigation since 2005 and as a South Carolina *Super Lawyer* each year since the inception of that designation. He is the former Chair of the American Law Firm Association and the University of South Carolina Law School Alumni Association. In 2006, he was the recipient of the University of South Carolina School of Law's *Compleat Lawyer Award,* and in 2010 was received a *Leadership in Law A ward* from Lawyers Weekly.

Mr. Waring is a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, the American Board of Trial Advocates; the Southeast Admiralty Law Institute; and the National Conference of Bar Presidents. He serves on the Lawyers Committee of the National Center for State Courts, and is Past Chair of the Southern Conference of Bat-Presidents. Active in his community, Mr. Waring presently serves as the Honorary Danish Consul for North and South Carolina; is an active Past President of Historic Charleston Foundation; Past Board Chair of Charleston Day School and is Senior Warden of historic St. James, Goose Creek Episcopal Church.

Danny C. Crowe (Moderator)

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, Municipal Litigation, 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 (he first lawyer recipient of the Richland County Bar's Matthew J. Perry Civility Award in 2002. lie has served on the Dispute Resolution Section Council since 2007 and is now Chair of the Council.

Elizabeth Van Doren “Betsy” Gray

Firm Name: Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
Title: Member
Principle Areas of Practice: Commercial litigation and professional liability/legal malpractice, and discipline.
Law School: University of South Carolina School of Law, 1976, J.D.
Undergraduate: University of South Carolina, 1970, B.A.
S.C. Bar Activities: Past President
Other Legal Affiliations: South Carolina Women Lawyers Association; American Bar Association; Richland County Bar.

George C. Reid

For more than thirty years, Mr. Reid's practice has focused on the litigation, arbitration and mediation of business and other disputes. He has extensive experience in the construction industry having represented owners, contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers, and sureties in connection with a wide variety of projects including signature buildings and facilities throughout the United States. Since 1995 Mr. Reid has focused his practice on serving as a mediator and arbitrator. He has successfully mediated hundreds of cases involving real estate, construction, environmental, government, labor, and general corporate matters. His work as an arbitrator has encompassed service on arbitration panels where the claims presented were large, factually intense, and legally complex. He has also served as a single arbitrator on cases of more limited scope. Mr. Reid is recognized nationally as a speaker and lecturer on alternative dispute resolution. He has presented programs for numerous institutions and corporations including the Practicing Law Institute; the International Council of Shopping Centers; the Georgia Institute for Continuing Legal .Education; George Washington University; the University of Kentucky; the University of Oklahoma; the United States Postal Service; Merck & Co.; Consolidated Edison, Inc.; and, the Washington Post. He has also served as a guest lecturer on alternative dispute resolution for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Dispute Resolution Training:
American Arbitration Association (AAA) Basic Arbitrator Training (1980); AAA Mediation Skill-Building Program (1994); Resolution Resources Mediation Observation (1995); AAA Advanced Arbitrator Training (1997); Mediating Land Use Disputes presented by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Boston MA (2004); Mediation of Complex Commercial Disputes presented by the Association for Conflict Resolution, Austin, TX (2008).
Professional Certifications:
Member, American Arbitration Association's Panel of Construction Arbitrators; Approved Neutral, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution; Member, American Arbitration Association's Panel of Commercial Mediators; Member, American Arbitration Association's Panel of Construction Mediators; Member, Seventh Judicial Circuit Mediation Panel; Member, Gwinnett County, Georgia, Mediation Panel.
Professional Associations:
Georgia Bar Association (1973); District of Columbia Bar Association (1987); American Bar Association and its Forum Committee on the Construction Industry; Atlanta Bar Association and its Construction Law Section (Past Director); Atlanta Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; Lawyers Club of Atlanta; admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Northern District of Georgia, the Middle District of Georgia, and the Southern District of Georgia, and the United States

Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the Eleventh Circuit, and the Sixth Circuit; recognized as a *Georgia Super Lawyer* in construction law; selected by U.S. News and World Report as a *Best Lawyer.*

Hon. Daniel E. Martin, Jr.

Judge Daniel E. Martin, Jr., was born in Charleston, South Carolina. His father, Daniel E. Martin, Sr., is a former circuit court judge who presided in the Ninth Judicial Circuit. His mother, Ruby N. Martin, retired as principal of Angel Oak Elementary School on Johns Island. Judge Martin's parents have been married for more than 50 years. Judge Martin attended both public and parochial schools on the Charleston peninsular. He graduated from Bishop England High School in 1980 and entered Howard University in Washington, D.C. that fall. After obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree, he enrolled in the University of South Carolina School of Law and obtained his Juris Doctorate degree in 1988. He was then admitted to practice before all courts in South Carolina as well as the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals.

In 1989, Judge Martin joined his father in his law practice and they created the firm Martin and Martin. Also in 1989, Judge Martin was appointed to serve as a part-time Magistrate for Charleston County. As Magistrate, he presided over landlord tenant disputes, claim and deliveries, small claims actions and bond hearings. He resigned this position in 1993 to dedicate himself to the full time practice of law. As a lawyer, Judge Martin handled domestic actions, criminal defense, civil lawsuits, probate matters and land disputes. He served on the bench-bar committees for the Charleston County Probate Court and the Charleston County Master-in-Equity Court. He served as legal counsel for the Town of Lincolnville from 1991 to 1998 and as Grand Legal Advisor for Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina from 2008 to 2011. He also served as a member of the executive committee of the Charleston County Bar Association, House of Delegates for the South Carolina Bar Association and the Resolution of Fee Disputes Board for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. He is former treasurer of the South Carolina Black Lawyers Association.

Judge Martin has been a life-long member of Emanuel AME Church where he served on the board of trustees. He has served on the board of directors for the Cannon Street YMCA and Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture. He served on the City of Charleston Commission for Children, Mayor Riley's Committee of 12 and the City of Charleston Development Advisory Committee. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Nehemiah Masonic Lodge No. 51., George Washington Carver Consistory No. 162, and Arabian Shrine Temple No. 139. Judge Martin is a 33° Prince Hall Mason.

Since 1989, Judge Martin has been married to Reba Hough of Hartsville, South Carolina. Mrs. Martin is Deputy Director of the Charleston County Human Services Commission. Judge and Mrs. Martin have two children, Daniel E. Martin, III and Zelena S. Martin. Judge Martin was elected on February 2, 2011 to seat no. 1 of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Karen E. McCormick

Karen E. McCormick received her J.D. from University of South Carolina School of law in 1988. During law school she clerked for Belser, Baker, Barwick, Ravenel, Toal & Bender. She practiced law with Rosen, Rosen and Hagood from 1988 through 1992. She opened her solo office in 1992. She has practiced primarily in Family Court since that time and currently focuses on family court mediation. She received her mediation training in 2002, and has attended several advanced mediation training courses. She is a Certified Family Court Mediator, and has participated in hundreds of mediations. She

is on the Board of the Mediation and Meeting Center of Charleston, and coordinates the volunteers for DSS mediations in Charleston and Berkeley Counties.

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.
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 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 a current 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.

Thornwell F. "Biff" Sowell (Course Planner)

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

- Advocate, 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

Offices

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Awards

- Selected as a Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation by Litigation Special Report (2012)
- Best Lawyers in America (Woodward/White, 2001-2014), Commercial Litigation
- Best Lawyers in America (Woodward/White, 2009-2014), Bet-the-Company Litigation, Bet-the- Company Lawyer of the Year (2013)
- Chambers U.S.A. America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2003-2013)
- South Carolina "Super Lawyer" General Litigation (2008-2013), Top 25 List (2011)
- South Carolina "Super Lawyer" Business Litigation and Top 25 List (2010)
- Benchmark Litigation, Local Litigation Star (2009-2013)
- Benchmark Appellate, Local Star (2012)

Community Involvement

- Former Commissioner, Midlands Technical College
- Former Member, Midlands Technical College Foundation
- Former Member, Board of Directors of Communities in Schools-Columbia

Wayne P. Huckel

Wayne practiced litigation law in Charlotte for almost 40 years as a partner with the firms of Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman and subsequently with K&L Gates. In 2011 he formed Huckel Law and ADR Services concentrating exclusively on mediations and arbitrations. He is former chairman of the Mecklenburg County Bar's ADR and Civil Litigation Sections and is a former member of the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission.

In the late 1960's Wayne was a star student and basketball player for the Davidson Wildcats. He was nominated for the Rhodes Scholarship and drafted by both the Phoenix Suns and the Dallas Cowboys. He sometimes played basketball as if it were football.

A native of New Jersey, he is a graduate of the New York University School of Law.

William L. "Bill" Howard

William L. Howard is a dedicated advocate for YCRLAW's clients and has served the state of South Carolina as a judge in both the trial and appellate courts. He has particular skill representing the firm's clients in complex litigation and alternate dispute resolution.

Mr. Howard is the former Chairman of the S.C. Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Judicial Career:

- Resident Circuit Judge for the 9th Judicial Circuit, 1988 - 1994
- Acting Judge for the South Carolina Court of Appeals, 1994-1995
- Circuit Judge for the 9th Judicial Circuit 1995-1996
    - Presided over the Susan Smith trial

- Judge for the South Carolina Court of Appeals, 1996
    - Specially assigned asbestos related litigation

Earlier Career:

- 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve
- Trained in the Army Transportation Corps
- Member of the Governor's Committee for Consumer Affairs
- Chairman of the 9th Judicial Circuit Resolution of Fee Disputes Committee
- Member of the South Carolina Bar Ethics Committee

Admitted to practice:

- South Carolina, 1973

Education:

- University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., 1973
- Dickinson College, B.A., 1970

Memberships:

- South Carolina Bar Association

Jill E. M. HaLevi (Moderator)

Jill received her law degree from the University of Michigan, and she has been a member of the South Carolina Bar since 1995. She served as a public defender for 10 years, first with the Charleston County Public Defender and then with the Federal Defenders of Charleston. In addition to her criminal court background, Jill spent two years working on legal issues relating to Israel, first at an organization dedicated to advocating and mediating on behalf of workers in employment disputes, and then as a special projects attorney with Motley Rice, representing victims of terrorist attacks.

Jill is now in private practice in Charleston, focusing on both family law and federal criminal defense. She is a certified Guardian ad Litem and has been trained and certified in Collaborative Law. Jill has received training in civil, criminal and family court mediation, and is certified by the South Carolina Bar as both a civil court and family court mediator. Jill was a co-founder and current Board member of the non-profit Mediation and Meeting Center of Charleston.