

Saturday, January 24, 2026

8:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Torts and Insurance Practice Section

3.0 MCLE Credit Hours

Supreme Court Commission on CLE Course #: 260147

Room Location: Chatham B Ballroom

Torts, Reforms, and Risk: Navigating the Shifting Landscape

This seminar will explore key developments and emerging trends in South Carolina tort and insurance law. Topics will include the evolving role of bad faith and *Tyger River* demands, recent legislative updates with a focus on the South Carolina Tort Reform Act, and best practices for drafting contracts with an emphasis on contractual indemnity. Attendees will gain practical insights to navigate litigation, legislative changes, and risk management in today's legal landscape, no matter which side of the "V" you are on.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. High Stakes & Hard Deadlines: Tyger River in 2025 and Beyond

Julie Moore
Duffy & Young
Charleston, SC

The Honorable Stephanie McDonald
S.C. Court of Appeals
Columbia, SC

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Tort Reform in Motion: What South Carolina Lawyers Need to Know Now

Jay Berly
Berly Rouse Attorneys at Law
Mount Pleasant, SC

The Honorable Jane H. Merrill
Circuit Court Judge
Greenwood, SC

Ford Thrift
Wall Templeton & Haldrup, PA
Charleston, SC

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Words Matter: Strategic Drafting of Indemnity in High-Risk Agreements

Heyward Grimball
Richardson Plowden & Robinson, PA

Mount Pleasant, SC

Laura Paton
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
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