

WELCOME!

50th REUNION

**Friday, September 15, 2023
The Hall @ Senate's End
320 Senate Street, Columbia**

*The South Carolina Bar Senior Lawyers Division and
the University of South Carolina School of Law would
like to thank all the honorees for their contribution
to the practice of law in South Carolina.*

ITINERARY

11:30 a.m. Registration & Fellowship

12:00 p.m.



Welcome & Remarks

*Hon. Catherine H. Kennedy, President-elect
SC Bar Senior Lawyers Division*



*Rusty T. Infinger, President
SC Bar*

12:10 p.m.



Remarks, Invocation & Lunch

*Dean William C. Hubbard
University of South Carolina School of Law*

12:45 p.m.



Remarks

*Justice Kaye G. Hearn (Retired)
South Carolina Supreme Court*

1:00 p.m.

**Recognition of Nifty Fifty Honorees and
University of South Carolina School of Law Alumni**

Class Photos

2:30 p.m.

Adjourn

NIFTY FIFTY HONOREES AND USC SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

- *J. Boone Aiken, III, Florence
- *William Clyde K. Alberts, Gordonsville, VA
 - *James C. Alexander, Marietta
 - Terry K. Alexander, Walterboro
 - Franklin W. Allen, Marietta, GA
- *Michael H. Allen, Traverse City, MI
- *Robert L. Alley, Southern Pines, NC
 - *Steven R. Anderson, Columbia
- *Richard A. Arnold, Rogersville, TN
 - *Trevia G. Ashworth, Fort Mill
- *Hon. Carlton B. Bagby, Columbia
- *Joseph R. Barker, Hilton Head Is.
 - *Scott Y. Barnes, Charleston
 - *Michael J. Barnett, Conway
- *Edward D. Barnhill, Jr., Lexington
- *William S. Barr, III, Charleston
 - *William R. Bauer, Columbia
- *Raymond S. Baumil, Sr., Charleston
 - *T. Alexander Beard, Mt. Pleasant
 - *James L. Bell, Charleston
 - *Richard C. Bell, Beaufort
- *John W. Bledsoe, III, Hartsville
 - *James G. Bogle, Jr., Columbia
 - *J. Dennis Bolt, Columbia
- *Walter R. Bonds, Dewees Island
- *Hon. Hugh E. Bonnoitt, Jr., Georgetown
 - *Rigdon H. Boykin, Rembert
- *Hon. John L. Breeden, Jr., N. Myrtle Beach
 - *Saunders M. Bridges, Jr., Florence
 - *David A. Brown, Milton, FL
- *Hon. Olin D. Burgdorf, Springfield
 - *Edward S. Callaway, Laurel, DE
 - *James D. Calmes, III, Greenville
 - *Kevin Campbell, Mt. Pleasant
- *William W. Carnes, Sunnyvale, TX
- *James C. Carroll, Jr., Spartanburg
 - *John A. Chalmers, Charleston

*Roger G. Chandler,
 *William K. Charles, III, Greenwood
 Terry F. Clark, Woodruff
 John R. Clarke, N. Myrtle Beach
 Donald A. Cockrill, Greenville
 Ellerbe P. Cole, Augusta, ME
 *Claude S. Coleman, Chester
 *Marshall R. Collins, Salem, CT
 *Ronald H. Colvin, Spartanburg
 *Hon. Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., Manning
 *James W. Corley, Columbia
 *Darra W. Cothran, Lexington
 *A. Sandy Cruickshanks, IV, Clinton
 *M. Elizabeth Crum, Columbia
 William V. Cummings, Spartanburg
 *Ashby W. Davis, Greenville
 *Craig K. Davis, Ridgeway
 *Peter D. DeLuca, Jr., Goose Creek
 H. Lane Dennard, Jr., Madison, GA
 *Hon. R. Markley Dennis, Jr., Charleston
 R. Ray Dennis, Isle of Palms
 *Douglas F. Dent, Greenville
 *Timothy G. Driggers, Lexington
 *Harold E. Dukes, Jr., Dewey Beach, DE
 *George A. Durban, III, W. Columbia
 *Larry R. Eleazer, Columbia
 *Carl A. Ellsworth, Columbia
 *G. Daniel Ellzey, Columbia
 *Clyde A. Eltzroth, Jr., Hampton
 *Victoria L. Eslinger, Columbia
 *Larry R. Everett, Columbia
 *Timonthy H. Farr, Greenville
 *Jackson E. 'Pete' Fields, Jr., Greenville
 *Lawrence E. Fischer, Richmond, VA
 *Kenneth W. Fish, Greenwood
 *Henry B. Fishburne, Jr., Charleston
 *Richard S. Fisher, Fair Play
 *Bernard S. Fleischman, Jr., Columbia
 *Hon. Henry F. Floyd, Spartanburg
 *Robert K. Folks, Lancaster
 H. Brent Fortson, Greenville
 *Hon. Thomas E. Foster, Woodruff
 *Louis F. Foy, Jr., Pollocksville, NC
 *Wm. Foster Gaillard, Charleston

*M. Jerry Garfinkle, Saluda, NC
*Larry E. Gates, Jr., Conway
David P. Geis, Hilton Head
*James E. Georgaklis, Columbia
*Thomas S. Gibson, Rocky Mount, NC
*Wm. Herschel Glover, Jr., Jacksonville, FL
*Harry L. Goldberg, Columbia
*Terry R. Good, Aiken
*Holman C. Gossett, Jr., Spartanburg
*Jennings L. Graves, Jr., Greenville
Mary A. Greenwood, St. Petersburg, FL
*John D. Gregory, Columbia
*James M. Griffin, Isle of Palms
*Jimmy W. Grimes, Irmo
*John P. Grove, Roanoke, VA
*Thomas M. Hall, Greenville
Warren D. Hall, III, Springfield, VA
*Robert L. Hallman, Jr., Columbia
*Alvin J. Hammer, Charleston
*Larry L. Hanna, Myrtle Beach
*Bayard E. Harris, Roanoke, VA
*Samuel R. Haskell, Jr., Sumter
Gerald T. Harper, Jacksonville, FL
*Robert Hazlehurst, Jr., Beaufort
*Jimmy L. Heisz, Lewisville, TX
*Randolph L. Herring, Davenport, VA
Hon. Karen L. Henderson, Washington, DC
Matthew A. Henderson, Spartanburg
*Earl D. Hewlette, Isle of Palms
Howard M. Hickey, Jr., Aiken
*James E. Hill, Jr., Whiteville, NV
W. Riley Hollingsworth, Gettysburg, PA
*Allan R. Holmes, Sr., Charleston
Theodore J. Hopkins, Jr., Columbia
*Gedney M. Howe, III, Charleston
*David C. Humphreys, Jr., Georgetown
*O. Allen Jeffcoat, III, Myrtle Beach
*Evander G. Jeffords, Sr., Hilton Head Is.
*Robert D. Johnson, San Diego, CA
*W. Steven Johnson, Columbia
*Frederick K. Jones, Hammond, LA
*Marvin C. Jones, Ridgeland
*Walter P. Jones, III, Powhatan, VA
Michael L.M. Jordan, Daniel Is.
*William H. Jordan, Charleston

*Gerald D. Jowers, Columbia
*Nathan Kaminski, Jr., Georgetown
*Hal M. Kaylor, Florence
*Thomas H. Ketchin, III, Isle of Palms
*Steven C. Kirven, Anderson
*David W. Knight, Chapin
*James E. Knight, Jr., Columbia
*Hon. Barry W. Knobel, Anderson
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*Robert M. Kunes, Charleston
Robert L. Lansberry, Doylestown, PA
*Ben G. Leaphart, Greenville
*James G. Lee, Owensboro, KY
Louis L. Lesesne, Jr., Charlotte, NC
*Joseph A. Lewis, Jr., Florence
*Micheal A. Mackinnon, Travelers Rest
*R. Bruce Marshall, Jr., Beaufort
*Francis R. Martin, Cornelius, NC
*James T. McBratney, Jr., Florence
*David P. McCann, Mt. Pleasant
*Michael C. McCarthy, Estero, FL
*Hon. J. Franklin McClain, Anderson
*Hon. Joseph R. McCrorey, Pawleys Island
Arthur C. McFarland, Charleston
William R. McKibbon, Jr., Greenville
*Daniel R. McLeod, Jr., Greenville
*Hon. Henry D. McMaster, Columbia
*H. Patterson McWhirter, Columbia
*Antony M. Merck, Charleston
*Clyde N. Merrell, New Albany, OH
*Kenneth E. Merriman, Florence
*Robert B. Michel, Shrewsbury, NJ
*Terry B. Millar, Rock Hill
*John M. Milling, Darlington
*Wallace W. Mills, Hallbut Cove, AK
Jack H. Mitchell, III, Greenville
*James B. Moore, Jr., Georgetown
*Hon. Arthur E. Morehead, III, Florence
William H. Morehead, III, Anderson
*William D. Morris, Columbia
*Michael F. Mullinax, Anderson
*Robert J. Murphy, Jr., Columbia
*Cecil H. Nelson, Jr., Greenville
*Hon. J. C. Nicholson, Jr., Isle of Palms

- *Robert H. O'Donnell, Georgetown
- *John B. O'Neal, III, N. Augusta
- *Lawrence B. Orr, Florence
- *Michael R. Owens, Goose Creek
- *John E. Parker, Hampton
- *Hugo A. Pearce, III, Charlotte, NC
- *W. Gregory Pearce, Sr., Charleston
- *Keith J. Perry, Beaufort
- Robert C. Peterson, Summerville
- *Pascal L. Pitts, Jr., Greensboro, NC
- *Larry W. Propes, Beaufort
- *John Rainsford, III, Edgefield
- *Hon. A. Victor Rawl, Sr., Charleston
- *George G. Reaves, Florence
- *Arthur W. Rich, Aiken
- *Herman F. Richardson, Jr., Prosperity
- Sidney S. Riggs, III, Folly Beach
- R. Thayer Rivers, Jr., Ridgeland
- *Hon. Timothy F. Rogers, Union, NJ
- *William S. Rose, Jr., Hilton Head Is.
- *Burt E. Rosen, Washington, DC
- *Robert N. Rosen, Charleston
- *A. Hoyt Rowell, III, Mt. Pleasant
- *Joseph F. Runey, Charleston
- *James C. Rushton, III, N. Myrtle Beach
- *Jeffrey S. Russell, Sarasota, FL
- W. Thomas Rutledge, Jr., Charleston
- *John W. Sandlin, Summerville
- *Stephen T. Savitz, Columbia
- *Rear Admiral William L. Schachte, Jr., Charleston
- *Sandra M. Schraibman, Rockville, MD
- James Q. Seigler, W. Columbia
- *Henry D. Sellers, Greenville
- *John R. Shaw, Jacksonville, FL
- *M. Duane Shuler, Kingstree
- J. McNeill Singleton, Vero Beach, FL
- *Cyrus T. Sloan, III, Marion
- *Parks N. Small, Columbia
- *Jefferson V. Smith, Jr., Greer
- *Ivey A. Smoak, III, Walterboro
- Hon. Robert A. Smoak, Jr., Aiken
- *Daniel A. Speights, Hampton
- *H. Michael Spivey, Mauldin
- Hon. W. Thomas Sprott, Jr., Mt. Pleasant

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 *Ann M. Stirling, Hanahan
 *William A. Strait, Brentwood, TN
 *Patrick F. Stringer, Charleston
 *Roy T. Stuckey, Folly Beach
 *W. Brooks Styles, N. Charleston
 *Stephen K. Surasky, Aiken
 *Jack B. Swerling, Columbia
 *John R. Tally, Banner Elk, NC
 *Mark C. Tanenbaum, Mt. Pleasant
 *William R. Taylor, Columbia
 *Peter F. Them, II, Moncks Corner
 *J. Jackson Thomas, Myrtle Beach
 *John R. Thomas, Greer
 *William R. Thomson, Belton
 *Hon. William B. Traxler, Jr., Greenville
 *Ephraim Ulmer, Columbia
 *Thad H. Vincent, Sumter
 *Michael L. Walker, Saluda
 *William P. Walker, Jr., Lexington
 *Hon. Robert E. Watson, Sr., Moncks Corner
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 *Douglas H. Westbrook, Charleston
 *J. Ray Westmoreland, Jr., Bluffton
 *Robert M. White, Easley
 *Hon. William E. Whitney, Jr., Union
 *Paul E. Wilburn, III, Washington, DC
 *David F. Williams, Columbia
 *J. Louis Williams, Seneca
 *John B. Williams, Moncks Corner
 *Raymond H. Williams, Beaufort
 *Wm. Reynolds Williams, Florence
 *Richard P. Wilson, Lexington
 *Aubrey J. Woody, Jr., Edgecomb, ME
 Kenneth P. Woodington, Columbia
 *Bernard J. Wunder, Jr., Chevy Chase, MD
 *William D. Yarborough, Jr., Greenville

****USC School of Law Alumni.***

J. BOONE AIKEN, III
Pawley's Island, SC



J. Boone Aiken, III was born October 18, 1947 in Florence, SC. He received his B.A. from Wake Forest University in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices medical and other professional liability defense, commercial litigation, complex civil litigation, and products liability at Aiken, Bridges, Elliott, Tyler & Saleeby, PA. He served as general counsel to McLeod Health for 18 years. From 1973 until 1983, he practiced law with Wright, Scott, Blackwell & Powers.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Bar Foundation, SC Bar, and the SC Bar Foundation, where he served on the board of directors from 2010 until 2016. He is also a member of the Florence County Bar Association, where he served as president.

In 2014, Boone received the Worthy Adversary award from the SC Association for Justice and is a Fellow with the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2022, he was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of the School Foundation of Florence.

He is a member of the Florence Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow, former chair of the All Saints' Episcopal Day School; chairman of The Aiken Foundation; and a board member of the Trinity Collegiate School.

He has too many favorite memories from law school to count.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Work hard and practice law with civility."*
"Thanks for the memories."

HON. CARLTON B. BAGBY
Columbia, SC

The Honorable Carlton B. Bagby was born January 14, 1948 in South Boston, VA. He received his A.B. from the USC in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

Judge Bagby has served as a Municipal Court Judge since 2000. From 1973 until 2017, he was a solo practitioner.

WILLIAM R. BAUER
Columbia, SC



William R. Bauer was born November 5, 1943 in Los Angeles, CA. He received his B.S. in Banking, Finance & Insurance from the USC in 1968, and his J.D. from USC School of Law, where he was a member of Phil Alpha Delta fraternity. He is retired from William R. Bauer Law, where he practiced criminal and personal injury law.

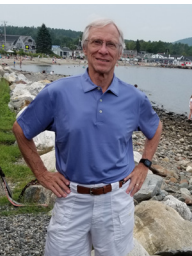
RAYMOND S. BAUMIL
Folly Beach, SC

Raymond S. Baumil was born July 26, 1949 in Charleston, SC. He received his B.A. in History from the College of Charleston in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law, where he was a member of the "SC Law Review" and Wig & Robe.

He retired from private practice in 2019. Prior to retirement, he clerked for SC Supreme Court Associate Justice Thomas P. Bussey.

Ray is a member of the SC Trial Lawyers Association, where he served as president in 1989-90.

T. ALEXANDER BEARD
Mt. Pleasant, SC



T. Alexander Beard was born January 11, 1947 in Camden, SC. He received his B.S. from the College of Charleston in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices law at Beard Law Offices, where he focuses on corporate litigation and finance. Alex previously practiced with West, Cooper, Beard & Dibble.

He is a member of the SC Bar, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Claims Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit.

JAMES G. BOGLE, JR.
Columbia, SC



James G. Bogle, Jr. was born May 4, 1948 in Atlanta, GA. He received his B.A. from Furman University in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He retired from the Attorney General's Office after 43 years. He was an instructor at the USC School of Law for four years.

Jim supervised the Youth and the Law outreach program. He is a member of the Sertoma Club, and Shandon Methodist Church.

His favorite memory from law school was his third year, 2nd semester, when his class ended at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday and Professor Jon Thames, Trial Techniques Class.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Prepare. Prepare. Prepare. Be courteous to everyone, not just the judge. If you do courtroom work, your best friend in the courtroom is the court reporter. They see everything."*

DARRA W. COTHRAN
Columbia, SC



Darra W. Cothran was born April 9, 1948 in Conway, SC. She received her B.S. from Clemson University in 1969, and her J.D. from USC School of Law.

She practices law at Woodward, Cothran & Herndon, where she focuses on business, banking, insurance, and administrative law. She previously practiced with Woodward, Leventis, Unger, Daves, Herndon & Cothran.

Darra is a member of the SC Women Lawyers Association, and the SC Bar, where she serves on the Senior Lawyers Division Ex. Council, and various other SC Bar Committees.

She is a member of the Richland County Planning Commission, Women in Leadership, Clemson University Board of Visitors, President's Advisory Council, and is a Presbyterian Church Elder.

Her favorite memory from law school was getting a women's bathroom at Petigru!

A. SANDY CRUICKSHANKS, IV
Clinton, SC



A. Sandy Cruickshanks, IV was born June 23, 1948 in Clinton, SC. He received his B.S. from Presbyterian College in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He is a solo practitioner in Clinton and has served as the County Attorney for Lauren's County since 1993.

He is a member of the SC County Attorney's Association, and the SC Bar, where he serves on the Senior Lawyers Division Ex. Council, the Government Law Section Council, and previously served on the SC Bar Board of Governors and House of Delegates.

Sandy was former president/chair of the YMCA, Touchdown Club, and the Cancer Society.

His favorite memory in law school was the Greene Street Streaking Episode.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Be civil, listen, learn, and communicate."*

CRAIG K. DAVIS
Ridgeway, SC



Craig K. Davis was born July 17, 1947 in Washington, DC. He received his B.A. from Wofford College in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

From 1991 until 2014, he was a solo practitioner, where he focused on government contract formation and litigation. He practiced law at Davis and Lavender from 1983 until 1991, and was in solo practice from 1981 until 1983. From 1973 until 1981, he practiced employment law at Medlock and Davis, formerly Medlock, Davis, and Gergel.

Craig is a member of the SC Bar, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, U.S. Supreme Court, and the District of Columbia.

His favorite memory from law school was clinics and selective service counseling. He never rode the elevator – and it got stuck his third year.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Write closing argument first (the maypole) based on early 'impressions' (like a jury) and measure viability as case develops – revise accordingly: Read the New Yorker. Marry an angel. Medical school – but better then. If you don't enjoy the mess, you will never enjoy the practice."*

PETER D. DELUCA, JR.
Mt. Pleasant, SC



Peter D. DeLuca, Jr. was born March 12, 1948 in Charleston, SC. He received his B.A. in History from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices law at DeLuca Maucher Law Offices, where he handles cases involving family law, criminal offenses, and estate and probate matters. He is also a certified family court mediator. From 1973 until 1977, he practiced at J.C.

Long & Associates.

Pete is a member of the Berkeley County Bar Association, Charleston County Bar Association, and the SC Bar.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Be considerate of EVERYONE, court staff, clients, and attorneys."*

H. LANE DENNARD, JR.
Madison, GA



H. Lane Dennard, Jr. was born January 20, 1943 in Macon, GA. He received his A.B. from Mercer University in 1966, and his J.D. from the University of Georgia.

He served in the Army as Captain and Company Commander in Vietnam. His decorations included the Silver Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and two Purple Hearts.

Prior to retirement, he was associated with the firm of Ogletree, Deakins and served as managing partner of its Atlanta office. He joined King and Spalding as a partner in 1991 and served as a senior partner on the labor and employment team.

Since then, his legal practice has focused on Veterans' advocacy and the pro bono representation of Veterans before the VA. In 2011, he received the State Bar of Georgia's Marshall-Tuttle award as the top lawyer in the state providing pro bono services to Veterans.

Lane was co-founder and co-director of the Emory Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans and in 2015 received the Emory Public Interest Committee Inspiration award for Leadership in the Public Interest.

He is a retired member of the State Bar of Georgia, its Military Assistance Program, and the SC Bar.

He was inducted as a Fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and was recognized as one of the leading employment lawyers in Georgia by Chambers USA.

His favorite memory from law school was making it through class without getting called on.

His advice for younger lawyers, “*Give something back to our profession and the community.*”

LAWRENCE E. FISCHER
Richmond, VA



Lawrence E. Fischer was born March 21, 1946. He received his B.S. in Psychology from the USC, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

Initially, Larry joined a litigation law firm in Charleston, SC. Later, he was legal counsel to the Governor of South Carolina and then became City Attorney for Columbia. He then relocated to Northern Virginia and was legal counsel to the U.S. Marshals Service for eight years. After leaving the Department of Justice, he established law offices in Fairfax, Tyson’s Corner, Nokesville, Fredericksburg, and Richmond, Virginia.

He co-founded First Fidelity Mortgage Corporation in Tyson’s Corner, VA and TermStar Insurance Company, an internet-based company offering life insurance products to consumers nationwide.

He is licensed to practice law before the Supreme Courts of Virginia and South Carolina; the U.S. District Court and U.S. Superior Court of the District of Columbia; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia; U.S. District Court of SC; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Larry was recognized as the Outstanding Estate Planning Attorney awarded by The Estate Plan Institute in 2007 and 2008.

HON. HENRY F. FLOYD
Spartanburg, SC



The Honorable Henry F. Floyd was born November 5, 1947 in Brevard, NC. He received his B.A. in History from Wofford College in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

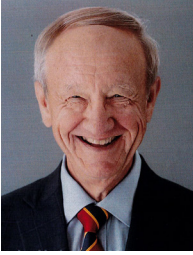
He is a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, and the U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina. He served as a SC Circuit Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit from 1992 until 2003; was a partner with Acker, Acker, Floyd & Welmaker, P.A. from 1978 until 1992; and practiced law at Floyd & Welmaker from 1973 until 1978. He was a member of SC House of Representatives from 1972 until 1978.

Judge Floyd is a member of the American Bar Association and Federal Judges Association. In 2017, he received his Honorary Doctor of Laws from Wofford College.

His favorite memory from law school was spending time with his study group, especially studying for the bar exam.

His advice for young lawyers, *"You have only one reputation, protect it fiercely."*

ROBERT K. FOLKS
Lancaster, SC



Robert K. Folks was born November 13, 1947 in Dillion, SC. He received his B.A. from the USC in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the SC Law Review.

He practices real estate, business transactions, contracts, wills and estate planning and administration law at Folks & DeVenny, LLC. He has been engaged in the private practice of law in Lancaster his entire life.

Robert is a member of the Lancaster County Bar, where he previously served as president, the Rotary Club, Lancaster County Community Foundation, Lancaster County Society for Historical Preservation, Arras Foundation, and was an elected trustee on the Lancaster County School Board, where he served as chair for 10 years.

He was inducted into the Lancaster County Education Hall of Fame; and received the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce Citizen & Service award.

His favorite memory from law school was being taught by legendary law school professors, Coleman Karesh, David Means, George Haimbaugh, and James F. Dreher.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Remember that the Bar is a profession and the license to practice is a sacred trust to help people and be of service in the community."*

"I appreciate the USC School of Law's determination to focus academics and building relationships with and among the lawyers that practice in the state. The Bar is vital to South Carolina's progress."

H. BRENT FORTSON
Greenville, SC

H. Brent Fortson was born June 30, 1947 in Greenville, SC. He received his B.S. from the University of Georgia in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He currently practices law at Fortson & Stephenson, LLC, where he focuses on automobile accidents, personal injury, and mediation.

HON. THOMAS E. FOSTER
Woodruff, SC



The Honorable Thomas E. Foster was born August 19, 1940 in Woodruff, SC. He received his B.S. from the USC in 1965, and his J.D. from USC School of law.

Prior to retiring as a Family Court Judge, he served as City Attorney for the Town of Woodruff from 1977 until 1983, and as the Assistant County Attorney for Spartanburg County from 1973 until 1977. He previously practiced law with Roy McBee Smith.

For over 10 years, Judge Foster has been involved with Habitat for Humanity. He has been a member of the SC Tennis Association for 20 years, and in 2014, he was inducted into the SC Tennis Hall of Fame.

W. FOSTER GAILLARD
Charleston, SC



W. Foster Gaillard was born July 5, 1948 in Charleston, SC. He received his B.A. from Washington & Lee University in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He currently practices commercial real estate law at Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP.

He is a member of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute, the SC Bar, where he served as chair of the Real Estate Practices Section, and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, where he served on the board of governors from 2001 until 2013.

He was on the Historic Charleston Foundation board of trustees, where he served as chair 2015-2016; Vestry, St. Philip's Church; and served on the advisory board, Joseph P. Riley Center for Livable Communities.

He served on the board of directors for the Charleston Regional Development Alliance from 2012 until 2016, the Charleston Symphony from 1995 until 1998, the Lowcountry Open Land Trust from 1993 until 1999, and on the city council for the City of Charleston from 1980 until 1992.

He has been recognized in the "Chambers USA" (Real Estate: 2002-2023), ""Best Lawyers in America"" (2003-2023), "International Who's Who of Business Lawyers" (Real Estate 2023), and "Charleston Business Magazine's Legal Elite" (Hospitality & Tourism 2023).

MARY A. GREENWOOD
Safety Harbor, FL



Mary A. Greenwood was born April 6, 1944 in Atlantic City, NJ. She received her B.A. from New School for Social Research in 1967, her M.A. from the University of Southern California in 1968, her J.D. from California Western Law in 1971, and her LLM from George Washington Law in 1978.

Since 2002, she has been an arbitrator for the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service. Mary is a member of the Colorado Bar, the Florida Bar, and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

She is an author of three books: "Third Edition of How to Negotiate Like a Pro," winner of nine book awards, "How to Interview Like a Pro: 43 Rules for Getting Your Next Job," which won 12 book awards; and "How to Mediate Like a Pro," which also won 12 book awards. These publications have been used as textbooks in mediation and negotiations classes at Brown University, Nova Southeast, University of Alaska, DePaul University, University of North Texas, and Malta.

Her favorite memory from law school was California Western Law, at the time, she was located on Point Loma in San Diego. She loved the view of the Pacific Ocean.

Her advice for young lawyers, *"Don't cut corners. Don't do anything that could be perceived as unethical."*

She had to postpone her Bar exam because she had a baby when the exam was scheduled. That baby, John is now a judge in Georgia.

HARRY L. GOLDBERG
Columbia, SC



Harry L. Goldberg was born August 25, 1947 in Washington, DC. He received his B.A. in Political Science from the USC in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices law at Finkel Law Firm, where he specializes in mediation, medical malpractice, and general litigation.

He is a member of the U.S. District Court District of South Carolina, U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, U.S. Supreme Court, and the District of Columbia. Harry is also a member of the SC Bar, where he served on the House of Delegates, as chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, and a member of the Resolution of Fee Disputes Board.

He was listed in the "Best Lawyers in America" in the practice areas of mediation and arbitration every year since 2012.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Treat your clients like you would want to be treated."*

It has been a privilege and honor to work with my fellow members of the SC Bar.

G. THOMAS HARPER
Jacksonville, FL



G. Thomas Harper was born September 5, 1948 in Atlanta, GA. He received his B.A. in Psychology from Furman University in 1970, and his J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law.

He practices at The Law and Mediation Offices of G. Thomas Harper, where he focuses on labor relations and employment law. He previously practiced law at Haynsworth, Baldwin and Miles, and with Harper Gerlach, PL, in Florida.

Tom is board certified in labor and employment law, a supreme court circuit civil mediator and court approved arbitrator in Florida.

For the past 25 years, he has served as editor of "The Florida Employment Law Letter," which has over 800 subscribers. He is an adjunct instructor for the University of North Florida.

He is the president of the Jacksonville Chapter, Christian Legal Society; assistant scoutmaster and scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 622, served on the North Florida Council since 1996; and is a member of The Gideons International.

His advice for young lawyers, *"If a lawyer plans to be a litigator, I recommend they read and study "Cross Examination: Science and Techniques by Posner and Dodd."*

At age 50, I accepted Jesus as my savior. A miracle occurred and I became a new creation. It was life changing. Don't wait until you are 50 to accept Christ.

BAYARD E. HARRIS
Roanoke, VA

Bayard E. Harris was born July 22, 1944 in Washington, DC. He received his A.B. in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1966, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He is retired from practicing management labor and employment law. Prior to retirement, he practiced law at Woods, Rogers, Huse Wallar & Thornton.

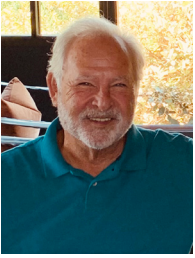
He is a member of the Labor and Employment Group in Virginia.

His favorite memory from law school was graduation.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Don't take yourself seriously."*

"The most important aspect of a successful practice is your friends and the few people you can trust, clients, and partners alike."

EARL D. HEWLETTE
Isle of Palms, SC



Earl D. Hewlette was born August 12, 1946 in Columbia, SC. He received his A.B. from the USC in 1967, his MBA from USC in 1973, and his J.D. from USC School of Law. He was the "SC Law Review" Leading Articles Editor, and a member of the Wig and Robe.

In 1983, he left the active practice of law, and spent 25 years in the resort hospitality industry, and then 12 years in the spirits industry.

He was recognized by the National Association of Accountants for the Best Article award.

Earl previously served on the Kentucky Distillers Association Board and the Medical USC Heart and Vascular Board.

His favorite memory from law school was the hard work and Professor Means and Professor Karesh.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Find your passion, it may not be traditional law."*

ALLAN R. HOLMES, SR.
Charleston, SC



Allan R. Holmes, Sr. was born March 12, 1947 in Columbia, SC. He received his B.S. from the USC in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

In 1983, he partnered with Coming B. Gibbs, Jr. to form the law firm of Gibbs & Holmes, where he began focusing on labor and employment law matters. He also was associated with Halio and Holmes.

Allan is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for South Carolina, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the U.S.

He served as a member of the SC Bar's Employment and Labor Law Specialization Advisory Board from 1997 until 1999, and for many years, served as chairman of the Labor Management & Relations Committee of the Employment and Labor Law Section Council. He is also a member of the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section. He has served as an adjunct professor of law at the Charleston School of Law, where he taught employment law courses.

He is an on-going recipient of "Best Lawyers in America"® recognitions for "Employment Law - Management"; "Employment Law - Individuals"; and "Labor Law - Management." He also continues to earn "Super Lawyer" designation as a "Top Rated Employment and Labor Attorney in Charles-

ton, SC". His Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating has consistently been 5.0 out of 5.0, AV preeminent. Recently, he was honored as "Best Lawyers 2022 Employment Law - Management Lawyer of the Year" in Charleston and as "Best Lawyers 2015 Labor Law - Management Lawyer of the Year" in Charleston.

His favorite memory in law school was being in George Haimbaugh's Constitutional Law seminar and attending its trip to D.C. with Professor Haimbaugh.

O. ALLEN JEFFCOAT, III **Myrtle Beach, SC**



O. Allen Jeffcoat, III was born January 27, 1948 in St. Petersburg, FL. He received his A.B. in Politics, *magna cum laude* from Princeton University in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law, where he was the "SC Law Review" Survey Editor and the Gavel Raps Editor.

For over 35 years, he has been a solo practitioner at Jeffcoatlaw, LLC, where he specializes in real estate, estate planning, probate, bankruptcy, and business law. Prior to opening his solo practice, he worked at McKay Law Firm for 12 years, and Tuner Padgett for 3 years.

He is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, LLC and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys.

Allen is a member of the Coastal Carolina YMCA, Waccamaw Community Foundation, and the Episcopal Church of the Messiah.

His favorite memory from law school was whitewater rafting with Stuckey, Davis & Kunes.

His advice for younger lawyers, *"Write and read as much as you can; get involved with your community in ways that you are passionate about; pay attention to your physical, mental, and emotional health."*

WILLIAM H. JORDAN **Charleston, SC**



William H. Jordan was born November 12, 1948 in Charleston, SC. He received his B.A. from Charleston Southern University in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps, he worked as an associate at the law firm of Furman, Jenkins & Buist. Bill was a partner at Long, Smith & Jordan and has spent many years in private practice. He practices real estate, estate planning, and general practice at William H. Jordan Attorney at Law, LLC.

Bill is a member of the American Bar Association, SC Bar, and the Charleston County Bar Association.

He is admitted to practice law before the South Carolina Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston, the South Carolina Society, and the Sea Island Yacht Club.

His favorite memory from law school was classes at Petigru College for all 3 years of law school.

HON. BARRY W. KNOBEL **Anderson, SC**



The Honorable Barry W. Knobel was born May 18, 1948 in Miami Beach, FL. He received his B.A. in History from USC in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

Since 2009, he has worked at Knobel Mediation Services, LLC. He was elected SC Family Court Judge in 1998. From 1974 until 1975, he worked at Chapman & Lowery; then with Mattison & Knobel from 1975 until 1981, and with the Law offices of Barry W. Knobel from 1981 until 1998.

Judge Knobel is a member of the SC Bar, Anderson County Bar Association, where he served as president; and the USC Children's Law Center, where he is a mock trial instructor.

He was former chairman of the Anderson Area Transportation Study Committee, and prior member of the Anderson County Economic Development Advisory Board. He served as president of the South Carolina Student Body Presidents Association, and president of the South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges.

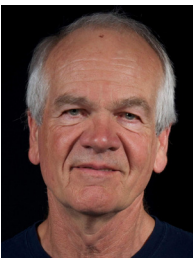
In 1970, he was recognized in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities;" was the recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award from USC and was the Gubernatorial Appointee to the Joint Legislative Drug Study Committee. He was the Principal Author of "The Model Parenting Plan" published by the SC Bar.

His favorite memory from law school was his first year, and he was sitting in the large lecture room inside the old Petigru Law School, with about 75+ other "fellow L1s", while Professor Bill Toal was lecturing on Contracts, and he was gazing out the window while his mind was wandering on everything else but law, when he thought he heard his name mentioned. He then elbowed his "friend" sitting next to him and whispered, "Did the professor just call my name?" Crickets from his "friend" as he stared, stone-faced, straight ahead. He then turned completely around to his "friend" sitting directly behind him, and whispered, "Did Professor Toal call my name!?" He was met again with another "face of stone", as if touched by Medusa! And

so, as he very, very slowly turned his head forward, his eyes became locked onto Professor Toal's, and he said, "Well, Mr. Knobel, can you answer my hypothetical?" Gulp - in his semi-panic state, he thought he said, "Professor, I'm sorry, but can you please repeat your question?" He did...and then he said, "well, Mr. Knobel, can you help us all with it?" He had no clue, none (he could have been discussing the "theory of relativity" for all he knew) ... and so rather than make up something, you know, really dumb and embarrassing, He went right to the heart of the matter and said "Professor Toal, I can't help you with that...maybe another time?"

His advice for younger lawyers, *"Broadly, if you have been able to practice law for 50 years, then you have accomplished two major "objectives": first, you are standing on the correct side of the dirt, and two, you have not been disbarred. But, perhaps, to be more introspective, I can state with absolute certainty that I was a very mediocre law student, and a somewhat better attorney... but, somewhere along that professional journey, I fell in love with the law. In my estimation, there is no higher professional calling, and no other profession which will allow you, almost daily, the opportunity to make meaningful and lasting changes in the arc of other people's lives."*

LOUIS L. LESESNE, JR.
Charlotte, NC

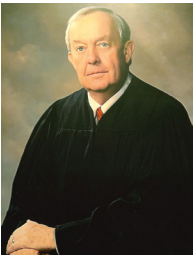


Louis L. Lesesne, Jr. was born June 8, 1945 in Dublin, GA. He received his B.A. from Davidson College in 1967, and his J.D. from Boston University.

Prior to his retirement in 2014, he practiced law with Essex Richards, with Lesesne & Connette from 1981 until 2005, and Chambers Stein Ferguson & Becton from 1975 until 1981.

In 2022, he received the Davidson College Distinguished Alumni award.

HON. J. FRANKLIN MCCLAIN
Anderson, SC



The Honorable J. Franklin McClain was born October 30, 1946 in Anderson, SC. He received his B.A. from Wake Forest University in 1968, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He is currently the City Attorney for the City of Anderson. He previously served as a Family Court Judge from 1979 until 1998, a City Judge from 1974 until 1979, and practiced law with Hall & McClain, Glenn, Haigler, McClain & Stathakis.

He is a member of the Anderson County Bar Association, SC Bar, American Bar Association, and the SC Municipal Attorneys Association.

In 2003, he received the Order of the Palmetto. He was Survey Editor of

the "SC Law Review" for 15 over 50. He is a member of the Red Cross, Anderson Youth Treatment Center, and the United Way.

His favorite memory from law school was Thursday nights at Tally Ho.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Prepare your cases and return your phone calls."*

He is a grandfather of five.

H. PATTERSON MCWHIRTER **Columbia, SC**



H. Patterson McWhirter was born March 3, 1948. He received his B.S. from the USC in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices plaintiff's personal injury cases at McWhirter, Bellinger & Associates, P.A. He was also a Lexington County Public Defender.

Pat was president of the SC Public Defenders Association, chairman Appellate Defense; and a founding member of the SC Criminal Lawyers Defense Association and the SC Death Penalty Resource Center. He was active in the creation of Office of Indigent Defense, and is an active member of the SC Workers Compensation Claimant's Association. He produced/presented seminars for SC Supreme Court, SC Association of Justice, SC Workers Compensation Commission, and the SC Bar.

He received the SC Association of Justice award for enacting the \$50,000 rule, fostered legislation that changed kidnapping sentence from life in prison to discretionary.

He is a drug counselor and mentor for Salvation Army, and is involved with PETSinc, the SC Environmental Law Center, and Conservation Voters.

His Favorite memory from law school was working in the library.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Be truthful, honest, and courteous."*

ANTONY M. MERCK **Charleston, SC**



Antony M. Merck was born October 27, 1944 in Lake Forest, IL. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia in 1966, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1962 until 1965 and the U.S. Coast Guard from 1966 until 1970, earning honorable discharges from both services.

Prior to retiring, he had been involved in investment management and with several non-profit organizations related to health care and natural resource conservation. In 2000, he was sworn in as a member of the Federal Maritime Commission and served with the Commission until

2001. From 1973 until 1994, he practiced law with the firm Buist, Moore, Smythe & McGee, where he focused on admiralty and maritime law.

Tony has been affiliated with a variety of maritime-related associations which include: the Maritime Association of the Port of Charleston; the Low-country International Trade Association; the Trident Chamber of Commerce and its International Trade Task Force; the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Charleston, South Carolina chapter and Port of Washington, D.C. chapter; and the Southeastern Admiralty law Institute. Since 1980, he has been a Proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

His advice for young lawyers, *“Don’t advertise on television. It gives us all a bad name.”*

JAMES B. MOORE, JR.
Georgetown, SC



James B. Moore, Jr. was born November 29, 1948 in Spartanburg, SC. He received his B.S. in Business Administration from The Citadel in 1970, his J.D. from USC School of Law, and his LLM in Taxation from New York University in 1981.

He currently practices real estate, corporate, probate & estate planning at Evans Moore Law Firm. From 1973 until 1987, he practiced law with Moore, Flowers & Doar. From 1987 until 2018, he worked at The McNair Law Firm; and from 2018 until 2020, he practiced with Burr Forman.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, SC Bar, and the Georgetown County Bar Association.

Jimmy was past director of the SC Ports Authority Board, and director of the Coastal Educational Foundation Coastal Carolina University.

In 2019, he was named by the "Best Lawyers in America" as The Real Estate Lawyer of the Year.

HON. A. EUGENE MOREHEAD, III
Florence, SC



The Honorable A Eugene Morehead, III was born September 6, 1946 in Columbia, SC. He received his B.A. in Political Science from The Citadel in 1968, and his J.D. from USC School of Law, where he was a member of the Wig and Robe.

He is an active retired family court judge. From 1973 until 1976, he practiced law with Nelson Mullins, Grier & Scarborough, then moved to Florence to form the firm of Swearingen & Morehead, elected Family Court Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit in 1985.

During his twelve years of private practice, he was admitted to practice

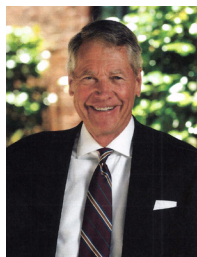
in all South Carolina Courts, the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the SC Bar, where he served as the Sixth District Representative with the Young Lawyers Division, on the Lawyer Referral Committee, and the Practice and Procedures Committee. He is also a member of the Family Court Judges Association.

Active around the state and local community, he has been involved with the American Legion Palmetto Boys State program since 1963 having served as director for seventeen years. He has served on the board of directors of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and as president of the Florence Kiwanis Club being selected Kiwanian of the Year. He is active in community theatres in the area both on stage and behind the scenes.

His favorite memory from law school was going to the movies in West Columbia with John Breeden, B. Brown, and Ephraim Ulmer.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Find an area of the law you really enjoy; then give it your best."*

CECIL H. NELSON, JR.
Greenville, SC



Cecil H. Nelson, Jr. was born April 8, 1946 in Greenville, SC. He received his B.S. from the University of Tennessee in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He currently practices with Nelson & Galbreath, LLC, where he specializes in commercial and residential real estate litigation, corporate, and finance. He previously worked at Wilkins, Nelson, Kittredge, and Simmons.

He has a Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating, was recognized in the SC Super Lawyers, Real Estate, "Best Lawyers in America" Real Estate (2009-2023), Litigation-Real Estate (2011-2023), and was the recipient of the Lawyer of the Year in Real Estate Litigation (2013, 2017 & 2019).

He is a member of the American Cancer Society, where he served on the board of directors; Christ Church Episcopal School Board of Directors, where he was former member and chair, Greenville Free Medical Clinic where he served on the Board of directors, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Kanuga Conference Center, former member of the board of directors, Lawyers Helping Lawyers, Sterling Community Center former tutor, Legacy Early College Scholl current mentor.

His favorite memory from law school was interaction between Professor Felix and whoever he may have called on in class, including him.

HON. J.C. NICHOLSON
Anderson, SC



The Honorable J.C. Nicholson was born September 30, 1942 in Birmingham, AL. He received a bachelor's degree from The Citadel in 1964, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He is a retired Lt. Colonel, having served in the USAF as a pilot from 1965 until 1970 and in the Air National Guard until 1989.

He began his career in the legal profession in Orangeburg County where he was Assistant Solicitor. In 1974, he entered private practice on a full-time basis and served as Assistant Solicitor part-time until 1976. He then was a member of the County Council for Orangeburg County. In 1983, he accepted a position as Assistant Solicitor for Greenville County and serviced in that capacity for one year before entering private practice with the firm of Epps & Krause. In 1986, he entered into a partnership with the firm and remained with this firm until such time as he was elected Judge.

He is a member of the SC Bar, where he served on the House of Delegates, the American Bar Association, SC Trial Lawyers, and the American Trial Lawyers Association. He is admitted to practice in all South Carolina Courts, the U.S. District Court for the District of SC, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.,

He is a member of the Rotary Club, the USC Gamecock Club, the Association of Citadel Men and the Citadel Alumni Club.

LAWRENCE B. ORR
Florence, SC



Lawrence B. Orr was born January 13, 1943 in Chattanooga, TN. He received his B.S. from the USC and his J.D. from the USC School of Law.

He currently practices law with Orr & Ervin, LLC, where he focuses on construction litigation. He previously worked at Richardson, Plowden, Grier & Howser, and Bridges, Bridges & Orr.

He is involved with the Florence School District One Board of Trustees, Florence Family YMCA Board of Trustees, and the Florence West Rotary Club.

Larry is a member of the SC Bar; SCDTAA; Florence County Bar, where he served as president; Defense Research Institute; and the American Bar Association.

HON. A. VICTOR RAWL
Charleston



The Honorable A. Victor Rawl was born January 5, 1946 in Norfolk, VA. He received his B.S. in History from the College of Charleston in 1968, attended the University of Texas School of Law in 1968, and received his J.D. from the USC School of Law.

Judge Rawl is retired and currently resides in Charleston. He was in private practice with Rawl and Runey from 1973 until 1986; assistant solicitor in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in 1976; served as the SC Workers Compensation Commissioner from 1986 until 1990; staff council SC Second Injury Fund from 1990 until 1991; and SC Circuit Court Judge from 1991 until 2003. He was elected to the Charleston County Council, where he served from 2008 until 2020.

He was an officer in the S.C. National Guard for 26 years. He rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel, serving as a Judge Advocate. He received medals and commendations ARCOM, USAR, Achievement National Defense Service.

Judge Rawl is a member of the SC Bar, Charleston County Bar Association, American Bar Association, SC Trial Lawyers Association. He was admitted to practice in SC state and federal courts and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

His favorite memory from law school was study groups.

His advice for young lawyers, "*Golden Rule.*"

WILLIAM S. ROSE, JR.
Hilton Head Island, SC

William S. Rose, Jr. was born March 9, 1948 in Columbia, SC. He received his B.A. in from the USC in 1970, his J.D. from USC School of Law, and his LLM Tax from Georgetown University in 1976.

He is retired from The McNair Law Firm, where he focused on taxation. Prior to that he practiced with the U.S. Treasury Office of Chief Counsel, Frost and Jacobs in Cincinnati, OH, McNair Law Firm in Hilton Head, U.S. Department of Justice in the Tax Division.

He is a member of the ABA Tax Law Section and the American College of Tax Counsel.

Rip received the Edmund J. Randolph award from the US Department of Justice.

He is a member of the Boys & Girls Club, United Way, and volunteers in medicine.

STEPHEN T. SAVITZ
Columbia, SC



Stephen T. Savitz was born December 9, 1947 in Columbia, SC. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

Since 1977, he has been practicing labor and employment law at Gignilliat, Savitz & Bettis, LLP.

In 2018, he received the Distinguished Service award from the Columbia Jewish Federation. He is involved with the Palmetto Boys State, and the SC Philharmonic.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, Richland County Bar Association, and the SC Bar, where he served on the House of Delegates. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit and Eleventh Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

His favorite memory from law school was getting to know and study with classmates who have remained friends to this day.

His advice for young lawyers, "*Civility goes a long way.*"

REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM L. SCHACHTE, JR.
Charleston, SC



Rear Admiral William L. Schachte, Jr. was born May 1, 1940 in Charleston, SC. He received his B.A. from Clemson University in 1963, his J.D. from USC School of Law, and his LLM in International and Comparative Law from George Washington Law School in 1979.

After graduation, he served in several JAG assignments primarily in the Pentagon, including the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (Lower Half), he served as the Commander of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (formerly NIS).

Upon retirement as a Rear Admiral (Upper Half), he was the senior uniformed lawyer in the Department of the Navy. He earned several decorations, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Navy Distinguished Service Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit (2); Bronze Star w/Combat "V"; Combat Action Ribbon; Vietnam Service Medal (1 silver star); and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal color w/Palm).

After retirement, he worked as a consultant to a dot com provider, and various environmental, construction and engineering corporations. He also served as counsel to Nexsen Pruet and was an adjunct professor, where he taught international law for two semesters. Currently, his autobiography,

"Truth Across the Waters", is in its fourth printing.

H. DONALD SELLERS
Greenville, SC



H. Donald Sellers was born June 2, 1947 in Pelzer, SC. He received his B.S. from Furman University in 1969, and his J.D. *cum laude*, from USC School of Law.

In 2018, he retired from Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, where he had practiced his entire career.

Don was listed in the "Best Lawyers in America;" "SC Super Lawyers;" Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America.

He is a board member with the Blue Ridge Counsel for Prevention of Child Abuse, The Family Effect, and the Artisphere.

He is a member of the Greenville County Bar, SC Bar, American Bar Association, DRI, ABOTA, National Bar Association – Donald James Sampson Chapter.

He served on the SC Judicial Merit Selection Commission from 2007 until 2014 and was a certified civil court mediator.

M. DUANE SHULER
Kingstree, SC



M. Duane Shuler was born May 9, 1948 in Kingstree, SC. He received his undergraduate degree in Sociology from Clemson University in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices with Whetstone, Perkins & Fulda, Attorneys at Law, where he focuses on personal injury cases.

CYRUS T. SLOAN, III
Marion, SC

Cyrus T. Sloan, III, was born July 29, 1948. He received his BBA from Wake Forest University in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He is Of Counsel with Robert E. Lee Law Firm, where he focuses on probate and planning matters. He previously practiced law with McLendon & Sloan, Cyrus T. Sloan, (sole practitioner) and in general practice in real estate, probate. For over 30 years, he served as City Attorney, Hospital Attorney and was a part-time Assistant Solicitor.

Rus is director of the Marion National Bank and the Pee Dee Savings Bank. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Rotary Club.

His favorite memory from law school was playing basketball in the Naval ROTC building.

PARKS N. SMALL
Columbia, SC



Parks N. Small was born November 14, 1942 in Concord, NC. He received his B.S and B.A. from the University of North Carolina in 1964, and his J.D. from the USC School of Law.

Prior to retiring, he was a federal public defender in the District of South Carolina until 2022. He was a law clerk for Chief Judge Martin, U.S. District Court, the District of South Carolina from 1974 until 77.

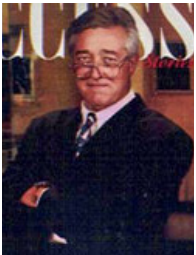
He received the Order of the Palmetto in 2021. He is a member of the National Federal Defender Advisory Board.

His favorite memory from law school was *"the stress of that first semester wondering if I had done the right thing and those guiding law professors."*

His advice for young lawyers, *"If you love it, you will succeed."*

Helping others in the application of the Sixth Amendment has proved a most satisfying career and life.

JAMES P. STEVENS, JR.
Sunset Beach, NC



James P. Stevens, Jr. was born November 4, 1946 in Loris, SC. He received his bachelor's degree from the USC in 1969, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He has practiced with his father's firm, Stevens Law Firm, since 1973 focusing on plaintiffs' civil practice, auto torts, Bad Faith Insurance claims, products liability, premises liability, intentional torts, employment law, probate law, estate planning, admiralty, contracts, and mediation.

He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court.

Jim has been voted a Super Lawyer and Top 100 National Trial Lawyers. He is listed in the International Who's Who of Professionals.

He is a member of the SC Bar, National Board of Trial Advocacy, American Bar Association, South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association (member, past Board of Governors), and the American Judicature Society. In 1980, a jury awarded his client the first million-dollar verdict in South Carolina. He has handled countless cases all the way up to the South Carolina Supreme Court. He is a certified mediator. He is AV rated and listed in Martindale Hubbell's Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers.

His favorite memory from law school was graduation.

His advice for younger lawyers, *"Be nice and kind to your fellow attorney and care for your clients." "Be prepared for trial."*

SAM L. STEPHENSON
Greenville, SC

Sam L. Stephenson was born April 23, 1948 in Greenville, SC. He received his B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1970, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices law at Fortson & Stephenson, LLC, where he focuses on workers compensation matters. He was previously affiliated with Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA; Dick Foster; and Taylor, Stephenson & Henry.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Be nice."*

W. BROOKS STYLES
Summerville, SC

W. Brooks Styles was born March 28, 1946 in Asheville, NC. He received his B.A. from Presbyterian College in 1968, and his J.D. from the USC School of Law.

He practices real estate law at Styles & Dingle. He previously worked at Lewis, Lewis & Robinson; Woody, Cisa, Styles & Dodds, and had a solo practice prior to that.

He was a founding member of the Dorchester County Habitat for Humanity chapter, served as legal counsel to the Mortgage Lenders Association of Greater Charleston since 1986, and is involved in the Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center,

He is a member of the Charleston County Bar Association, the SC Bar, and the American Bar Association.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Hang in there. It gets easier after 50 years."*

JACK B. SWERLING
Columbia, SC



Jack B. Swerling was born May 30, 1946 in New York City, NY. He received his B.A. from Clemson University in 1968, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

Prior to establishing his current law firm, Jack B. Swerling Attorney at Law, in 1991, Jack was a partner in the law firm of Swerling, Harpootlian and McCulloch. Prior to that he practiced law for ten years with his former partner and mentor, the late State Senator Isadore Lourie.

He is a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, American College of Trial Lawyers, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Criminal Lawyers, Litigation Counsel of America, and the SC Bar.

He has been listed in "Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers," "Who's Who in American Law," "South Carolina Super Lawyer

Magazine (Criminal)," and the "Best Lawyers in America" (Criminal and Best Law Firms in America – Criminal (Top 10),

Jack was recognized as one of Midlands Legal Elite by Business Monthly Magazine, the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers, the Best Lawyers edition of Columbia Metropolitan Magazine under criminal law and appellate practice, and "Best Lawyers in America" as a Lawyer of the Year in Columbia, SC.

Throughout his years of practice as a Columbia criminal attorney, Jack has made more than 250 presentations in the areas of criminal practice and criminal law. He is a member of the Beth Shalom Synagogue.

His favorite memory from law school was Charlie Randels classes where few attended, but auditorium was packed at exam time – all those people you did not know that was in the class.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Life is short – smell the roses."*

JOHN R. THOMAS **Greer, SC**



John R. Thomas was born May 31, 1946 in Anniston, AL. He received his B.A. from Furman University in 1968, his J.D. from USC School of Law, and a Masters in Tax Law from Emory University in 1979.

Prior to retiring, he practiced law with Thomas, Fisher & Edwards, P.A.; and Merline & Thomas, P.A.

He is involved in the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

HON. WILLIAM B. TRAXLER, JR. **Greenville, SC**



The Honorable William B. Traxler, Jr. was born May 1, 1948 in Greenville, SC. He received his B.A. from Davidson College and his J.D. from the USC School of Law.

He is a Judge for the U.S. Supreme Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He was an Adjutant General in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1970 until 1978, in private practice from 1973 until 1974, served as the assistant solicitor for the 13th Judicial Circuit from 1975 until 1978, deputy solicitor for the 13th Judicial Circuit from 1978 until 1981, solicitor for the 13th Judicial Circuit from 1981 until 1985, and resident judge for the 13th Judicial Circuit from 1985 until 1992.

His favorite memory from law school was the law school basketball league (4 teams).

His advice for young lawyers, *"Creditability with the judge is important."*

JOHN B. WILLIAMS
Pinopolis, SC



John B. Williams was born September 21, 1945 in Moncks Corner, SC. He received his B.S. from Erskine College in 1968, and his J.D. from USC School of Law.

He practices law at Williams & Hulst, LLC, where he focuses on estates, real property litigation, civil litigation, and contracts. From 1996 until 2000, he served as a Circuit Court Judge (equity), and on the SC House of Representatives from 1988 until 1992.

He is a member of the Berkeley County Bar, where he served as president for 15 years; a member of the SC Bar, where he served on the House of Delegates.

Jack is involved in the Lions Club, American Legion, and the Chamber of Commerce.

He received the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Mekong Delta at Vietnam in 1969.

His favorite memory from law school was graduation.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Go into banking!"*

RICHARD P. WILSON
West Columbia, SC



Richard P. Wilson was born November 13, 1948 in Cleveland, OH. He received his B.A. from Presbyterian College in 1971, and his J.D. from USC School of Law

Prior to retiring, he worked at the SC Attorney General's Office, the SC Board of Medical Examiners, the SC Department of LLR, and the SC Recovering Professional Program.

Rick is a member of the American Bar Association, SC Bar, Richland County Bar Association, Federation of State Medical Boards Attorney's Division, U.S. District Court, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He is involved with the Boy Scouts of America (regional council, district, and unit levels), and the Lower Saluda Scenic River Advisory Council.

His favorite memory from law school was the Moot Court Competition.

His advice for young lawyers, *"Find a memory and learn all you can about everything."*

Do you remember 1973?



What things cost

Average Annual Income:	\$12,050
Gas Per Gallon:	38 cents
New Car:	\$3,833
New House:	\$35,500
Hourly Federal Minimum Wage:	\$1.60



US Statistics

President: Richard M. Nixon **Vice President:** Spiro T. Agnew
Life Expectancy: 75.3 years for women & 67.6 years for men
World Population: 3.92 billion



Billboard Singles

Bad, Bad Leroy Brown, Jim Croce
Killing Me Softly with His Song, Roberta Flack
Let's Get It On, Marvin Gaye
Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree,
Tony Orlando & Dawn



Top Grossing Movies

The Exorcist
The Sting
Papillon
Magnum Force



Bestsellers

"Breakfast of Champions," Kurt Vonnegut
"Jonathan Livingston Seagull," Richard Bach
"Once Is Not Enough," Jacqueline Susann
"The Odessa File," Frederick Forsyth



Major News Stories

Roe v. Wade: The U.S. Supreme Court overturns state bans on abortion
U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ends with the signing of the Paris Peace Accords
Opening of the World Trade Center in New York City
NASA launches the Mariner 10 Mercury probe spacecraft

Photographs from this memorable event will be posted on the South Carolina Bar website at www.scbar.org/SLD and the USC School of Law website at uofsclaw.us/law1973.

