

Criminal Law Section

(Part 2)

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

by order of presentation

David M. Stumbo

*Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office
Greenwood, SC*

David Matthew Stumbo was elected as Solicitor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of South Carolina (Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, and Newberry counties) in 2012, and is currently the President of the South Carolina Solicitor's Association. Solicitor Stumbo previously served as supervising prosecutor for the Statewide Grand Jury and Criminal Prosecution Divisions in the South Carolina Attorney General's office from 2011-2012. From 2007 – 2011, David worked for the 11th Circuit Solicitor Donnie Myers, where he successfully prosecuted violent crimes, child abuse, narcotics, and sexual assault cases. During his first stint with the S.C. Attorney General's Office from 2002-2007, David led Attorney General Henry McMaster's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force as a special prosecutor. As part of his work with the ICAC Task Force, he worked in a legal advisory capacity with the South Carolina Computer Crimes Center, partnering with agents from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the FBI, and the U.S. Secret Service.

Solicitor Stumbo completed his undergraduate work at Toccoa Falls College in northeast Georgia in 1998 and went on to complete a law degree at the University of South Carolina School of Law. David, his wife Vanessa, and their four children currently reside in rural Laurens County, South Carolina.

C. Rauch Wise

Greenwood, SC

C. Rauch Wise is an attorney in Greenwood, SC, working in criminal law and appeals. He argued on the case, *State v. Beaty*, which ruled upon the order and content of closing arguments. He has lectured on this issue to the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is affiliated with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Education:

University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D. 1969

Wofford College, B.A. 1966

S.R. Hubbard, III

Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office

Lexington, SC

Rick Hubbard has long ties to this State. He grew up in the upstate and graduated from Furman University in 1987. Hubbard then attended and graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1990. One of his first jobs after law school was working as a law clerk for the Honorable Hubert E. Long of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Upon Judge Long's retirement, Hubbard clerked for the Honorable William P. Keesley, also of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

In 1994, Rick Hubbard joined the Solicitor's office and became an Assistant Solicitor. Only three weeks after joining that office, Rick tried and convicted someone for Driving Under the Influence. Several months later, Hubbard tried his first murder case with Deputy Solicitor Knox McMahon. During these early years, Rick prosecuted many cases in all four counties of the Eleventh Circuit. Hubbard quickly rose up through the office and earned a reputation as a top-notch prosecutor. In 1997, Hubbard was named a Senior Assistant Solicitor. In 2002, Hubbard became a Deputy Solicitor. Hubbard prosecuted complex and violent felonies, including death penalty cases. He also assisted and advised the Assistant Solicitors in the prosecution of their cases. In addition to all his duties as a prosecutor, Rick had supervisory and managerial responsibilities and was known for ability to turn things around. Hubbard was responsible for supervising all the attorneys and support staff in the Lexington office. He assigned cases and served as an advisor and mentor to all the prosecutors. Hubbard also prepared and presented the office budget and handled complex personnel issues including hiring and firing employees.

Hubbard also built a strong reputation as someone who could fix problems. Hubbard took control of the criminal docket and systematically reduced the extensive case backlog. Back then, the docket had approximately 11,000 cases and Hubbard reduced it to around 3,000. Hubbard also created a Violent Crime Task Force that targeted our most violent criminals. These combined efforts helped reduce an overcrowded jail and kept the most violent offenders off the street. For all these efforts Rick Hubbard was awarded the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution in 2007. This is widely accepted as the state's highest award for a state prosecutor. Hubbard understands building and maintaining relationships with all members of law enforcement is important. Rick routinely advises local and state law enforcement on legal issues concerning the investigation and apprehension of criminals, including cases involving capital murder. Hubbard has served as an instructor to other prosecutors from all over the country, teaching trial techniques at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia. Hubbard has also conducted numerous training seminars for South Carolina prosecutors, including courses on how to prepare and try death penalty cases. Hubbard has also conducted numerous legal seminars for law enforcement, magistrates and most importantly victim advocates.

Marion M. Moses

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Columbia, SC*

Marion M. Moses has been practicing law throughout South Carolina's Midlands region since 2001 — first as a criminal prosecutor in Lexington, and now as a criminal defense and personal injury lawyer in Columbia. During his legal career, he has handled literally thousands of cases in a wide range of practice areas, including criminal law and defense, civil litigation, personal injury, business law and workers' compensation, just to name a few.

Education:

University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D. 2001

Wofford College, B.S. 1997

The Citadel – The Military College of South Carolina

The Honorable Thomas W. Cooper, Jr.

*S.C. Circuit Court
Manning, SC*

Judge Thomas W. Cooper, Jr. was born in Sumter, South Carolina, in 1941 to the late Thomas W. Cooper, an electrician and automotive mechanic and the late Elizabeth Jeter Cooper, post mistress of the Town of Mayesville, South Carolina.

He grew up in Mayesville, a small farming community in eastern Sumter county. He completed high school in 1959 and entered the freshmen class at USC that fall. At the end of the fall semester of his sophomore year, illness interrupted his college education (he was sick of school). In January of 1961, he took a job in a furniture factory in Sumter and worked diligently at that job until August of that year during which time his salary rose meteorically from \$1.00 to \$1.03 per hour (as a result of a minimum wage increase). He left that job in August of 1961 with callouses on both hands and with an enhanced appreciation of the value of a college education. He graduated from USC in May of 1963 with a B.A. degree in history.

He took a job as an English teacher in the public schools of Clarendon county. He worked there until 1968 when he was engaged to marry Margaret Barringer Bland. He left classroom teaching and took a job in school administration in the public schools of Sumter county. After two years in school administration, he entered the USC School of Law in the fall of 1970. He commuted to law school while his wife worked as a teacher in the public schools of Sumter county.

Following his graduation from law school in 1973, he joined Billy Coffey in the practice of law in Manning, South Carolina. In 1974 he was made a partner in the firm which eventually expanded to Coffey, Cooper, Chandler & DuRant with offices in Manning and Surfside Beach. He remained as a partner with the firm until his election to the Bench.

He was elected as Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit in February of 1992 and served in that capacity until his retirement in September of 2006. As a Circuit Judge, he served on the

Advisory Committee, Ad Hoc Rules Committee, and Commission on Judicial Conduct. In retirement, he continues to remain active, part-time, by holding court one week per month. Judge Cooper has been active in church work as a member of the Presbyterian Church since his youth. He grew up in the Presbyterian Church of Mayesville. In the Presbyterian Church at Manning, he has served as Clerk of the Session, member of the choir and a teacher of an adult Sunday school class there.

He is an avid but inept golfer and bird hunter, an obedient husband, a proud father, and a mesmerized grandfather. Margaret is an accomplished grandmother and gardener and is actively involved in church and volunteer work. His son Bland is married to the former Liza Langston of Charlotte. Bland is an Agronomist for Competitions of the PGA Tour. He and Liza reside in Sumter with their three sons: Langston, William, and Sumter. They attend The First Presbyterian Church in Sumter. His daughter Judy is married to Bert G. (Skip) Utsey III, an attorney and partner at Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth & Detrick, PA. Judy is a graduate of USC (Bachelor's Degree) and Winthrop (Master's). Judy and Skip reside in Charleston with their son Thomas and daughter Margaret Elizabeth (Maggie). Judy is an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Manning.

Heath P. Taylor

*Taylor Law Firm LLC
West Columbia, SC*

Course Planner

Heath P. Taylor graduated from Newberry College in 1995, Summa Cum Laude, with a B.A. in History. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1998. He is a partner in the Taylor Law Firm LLC located in West Columbia.

His practice areas include all types of criminal defense, with an emphasis on DUI defense. He also represents individuals in catastrophic injury and workers' compensation cases.

Mr. Taylor formerly served as an Assistant Prosecutor for the Town of Irmo and as Associate Municipal Judge for the City of West Columbia. He is licensed to practice in all federal and state courts in South Carolina.

He is a member of the South Carolina Bar where he serves as Chair of the Criminal Law Council, Lexington County Bar, American Association for Justice, South Carolina Association for Justice, where he serves as the Criminal Section Chair, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, where he serves as President and co-chair of the Legislative Committee, National College for DUI Defense and served as the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman's designee to the South Carolina Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee.

Heath and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Preston and Cooper. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and backpacking.