

# Real Estate Practices Seminar

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

*by order of presentation*

### **Sarah Robertson**

*Burr & Forman, LLP*

*Hilton Head, SC*

*(Course Planner)*

Sarah F. Robertson is a partner in the Real Estate Practice Group of Burr & Forman LLP. With the firm or its predecessors since 1999, she handles both residential and commercial real estate closings in Burr & Forman's Bluffton, South Carolina office. She is a title insurance agent for several national underwriters. She represents real estate development clients with acquisition, sale, leasing, and development matters, private placement offerings, federal and state land sales registration matters, development agreements, subdivision and condominium documentation, community covenants, and sales contracts, property owners association matters, regulatory and licensing matters, and equity and non-equity club matters.

She assists business clients in forming and representing entities, non-profit organization formation and representation, 501(c)(3) tax exemption applications, community association corporate representation, private equity and non-equity club corporate representation, drafting organizational documents, completing mergers, acquisitions, and sales, conservation easements, and documenting other transactional matters. Additionally, she represents lenders in drafting loan documentation and facilitating closings.

Sarah graduated with a B.A. in English from the University of South Carolina with honors from the South Carolina Honors Collage (*magna cum laude*) where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a J.D. from Emory University. She is Chair of the Real Estate Section Council of the South Carolina Bar, a former chair of Lowcountry Legal Volunteers, and a member of South Carolina Women Lawyers Association.

### **Stephanie Weissenstein**

*Dial Grimm & Rupert*

*Columbia, SC*

Stephanie Weissenstein graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law Family Court, the Courts of Appeal, and at LLR, Ms. Weissenstein's practice now focuses primarily on residential real estate closings and real property litigation, including partition acti and actions to quiet title. Ms. Weissenstein enjoys teaching continuing education courses to real estate agents, brokers, and attorneys throughout the State on topics such as agency, co the Professional Responsibility Committee for the South Carolina Bar.

## **Professor Dylan Malagrino**

*Charleston School of Law*

*Charleston, SC*

Dean D.O. Malagrino joined the faculty of the Charleston School of Law in 2017, after ten years of previous full-time law teaching. Dean Malagrino teaches Property I & II, Land Use, and Wills, Trusts & Estates, among other courses. Dean Malagrino is licensed to practice law in the state courts of California and in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Central Districts of California.

Dean Malagrino is law graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law and of the London School of Economics and Political Science, and he earned his undergraduate degree at Syracuse University.

Dean Malagrino has been honored as the Professor of the Year eleven times over the last 19 years. Prior to academia, Dean Malagrino spent six years in private practice as an attorney in San Diego, practicing complex civil litigation including securities fraud and antitrust class actions. Dean Malagrino also testified at congressional hearings on behalf of the National Collegiate Athletics Association advocating for prospective and collegiate student-athlete welfare. And, Dean Malagrino worked as a Senior Attorney at a Texas-based Energy Resources law firm, where he provided counsel for the firm's Real Property and Corporate law groups.

Dean Malagrino researches and writes in the areas of property law, comparative property law, law and anthropology, and sports law. His casebook, *Land Use and Zoning Law 2e* (Carolina Academic Press 2022) (with Robin Paul Malloy) comprehensively integrates issues of accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Land Use and Zoning Laws, addressing the complexities of aging in place and of disability in the context of local land regulation. Dean Malagrino has published two other books and more than 20 law review articles; and, in media and journalism forums, he regularly publishes on housing issues, probate matters, and on sports and the law.

Dean Malagrino is a 2021 recipient of the Order of the Silver Crescent by S.C. Governor Henry McMaster—the Order of the Silver Crescent is South Carolina's highest civilian award for significant contributions, leadership, volunteerism, and lifelong influence within a region or community—awarded to Dean Malagrino for contributions to legal education in South Carolina. Also, Dean Malagrino is a 2025 Riley Fellow with the Furman University Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative.

## **Bradley Richardson**

*Bradley K. Richardson, P.C.*

*Anderson, SC*

Bradley K. Richardson is a distinguished member of the South Carolina Bar whose practice focuses on commercial and residential real estate law, including contract negotiation, leasing, and development. After earning his J.D. from the University of South Carolina, he founded Bradley K. Richardson P.C., where he offers personalized legal counsel for real estate transactions and development projects. He has also been recognized as a Top Producing Agent for WFG National Title Insurance Company for ten consecutive years.

An active leader in the legal community, Brad currently serves on the South Carolina Bar Board of Governors as Secretary and previously chaired the Bar's Real Estate Practices Section. In 2025, he received the prestigious Silver Compleat Lawyer Award from the University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law. He is also a frequent presenter of continuing legal education courses

for attorneys and realtors across South Carolina and a regular speaker at the SC Bar Convention, where he shares his insights on real estate law.

Beyond his legal work, Brad is committed to mentorship and community service, encouraging his firm to support local charities and veterans through pro bono efforts for organizations such as Hope Missions, The Bridge Center, and the Anderson Housing and Homeless Alliance. In recognition of these efforts, Bradley K. Richardson P.C. received the Corporate Caring Award from Meals on Wheels Anderson in 2022.

Brad's contributions have also been recognized within the broader community. In 2012, he was named one of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce's 20 Under 40 Emerging Leaders, and his firm has consistently been a finalist for the Best of Your Hometown award which is a further testament to its reputation for excellence and Brad's ongoing dedication to serving clients and the community.

### **Jennifer Stone**

*Chicago Title Insurance Company  
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Jennifer N. Stone, Esq., is Vice President and Underwriting Counsel for Chicago Title Insurance Company. After more than sixteen years of private practice, Jennifer joined Chicago Title in April 2021.

Jennifer graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2004 and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2004 and the United States District Court, District of South Carolina, in 2005. Upon being sworn, Jennifer practiced law at Callison Tighe & Robinson, LLC and later at Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A. Her practice covered contractual, development, leasing, financing and title matters, and Jennifer served for a season as Co-Chair of Turner Padgett's Financial Services Industry Group. Jennifer counseled businesses of all sizes on a range of transactional matters including multi-million-dollar commercial acquisitions and developments, CMBS/REMIC and asset-based financing, mergers and acquisitions, contractual disputes and real estate and business litigation.

In addition to the South Carolina Bar, Jennifer is a member of South Carolina Women Lawyers Association and has been recognized twice as a Midlands Legal Elite: Commercial Real Estate Law, 2019, and Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2020.

### **Rob Davis**

*Chicago Title Insurance Company  
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Rob Davis is a Vice President and Underwriting Counsel with Chicago Title Insurance Company. Prior to joining Chicago Title, Rob practiced for 13 years with the law firm of Rogers Townsend, LLC. During his time with Rogers Townsend, Rob represented creditors in the areas of bankruptcy, mortgage foreclosures, evictions, title issues, and real estate/mobile home issues.

Prior to joining Rogers Townsend, Rob practiced with the firm of Whitener & Wharton, PA, in Columbia, handling residential and commercial real estate, including title insurance matters. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar, the North Carolina Bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

Rob earned both his BA and JD degrees from the University of South Carolina. During college, Rob was selected for an exchange program with the University of Warwick, near Coventry, in the United Kingdom. While in law school, Rob served on the Pro Bono Board and also served as a volunteer Guardian ad Litem for abused and neglected children in Richland County.

Outside of the office, Rob is an avid gardener, hunter, and cook. He enjoys raising fruits and vegetables (as well as the venison that his garden always seems to “grow”) to share with family and friends. He also enjoys traveling, particularly to America’s National Parks.

### **Jennifer Rubin**

*Chicago Title Insurance Company  
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Jennifer W. Rubin, Esquire, is Vice President and State Manager for Chicago Title Insurance Company. She received her B.S. degree in both Political Science and History cum laude from The Florida State University in 1996 and her J.D. from The University of South Carolina School of Law in 1999. She was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1999, The United States District Court (District of South Carolina) in 2000, and the Supreme Court of the United States of America in 2012.

After graduation from law school, Jennifer clerked for The Honorable H. Dean Hall (now retired) of the 10th Judicial Circuit for a year. Once her clerkship ended, Jennifer joined the law firm of Rogers Townsend & Thomas, P.C. in Columbia where she practiced in the areas of construction law, collection law, general litigation, foreclosure, mortgage law, bankruptcy (creditor side), real estate and title insurance defense for more than 13 years. She joined Chicago Title in April of 2014.

Jennifer was the South Carolina Bar Association’s Young Lawyer Division’s 2006 “Young Lawyer of the Year” and is a 2010 recipient of The University of South Carolina Law School Alumni Association’s “Silver Compleat Lawyer Award (for alumni of USC Law in practice fewer than 14 years). Jennifer is a long-time member of the Palmetto Land Title Association, and was its 2016-2017 President, and a recipient of that organization’s J. Lee McDonald Award in both 2017 and 2019. In addition to various other activities and awards, Jennifer co-authored a chapter in the Second Edition of The Paralegal Survival Guide: Facts and Forms titled “Residential Mortgage Foreclosures in South Carolina.”

Jennifer was a Columbia Housing Authority Commissioner from 2012-2019 and is a former Board member of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, a former President, Director, Committee Chair, and current member of the Palmetto Land Title Association. In her role as a member of the PLTA’s legislative committee, Jennifer authored (and advocated for) South Carolina House Bill 3243 (SC Code Section 8-21-310) which was passed by the South Carolina House and Senate and signed into law in 2019 by Governor Henry McMaster. This Flat Fee Recording Act went into effect on August 1, 2019, and as a result, Jennifer was honored by the South Carolina Association of Clerks of Court and Register of Deeds as its 2019 “Friend of the Association.” In the Spring of 2022, she was elected to the South Carolina Bar’s Real Estate Council (REC). In 2024, she was elected REC Secretary and in June of 2025 was elected the REC’s Vice-Chair. Jennifer is an avid equestrian and is currently a Board Member for the South Carolina Hunter-Jumper Association (2025).

**Barbara Seymour**  
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**Barbara Seymour** represents lawyers, law firms, judges, and law students in matters related to ethics, professional discipline, and Bar admissions at Clawson & Staubes, LLC in Columbia. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Management and Marketing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1990 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia in 1993. Barbara worked as a trial lawyer until 2000 when she joined the staff of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. She served as the Deputy Disciplinary Counsel from 2007 until 2017. Barbara is a member of the South Carolina Bar, the State Bar of Georgia, the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, and the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association. She currently serves on the Law Related Education, Professional Responsibility, Unauthorized Practice of Law, and Diversity Committees at the South Carolina Bar. She was a 2006 and 2011 Fellow of the National Institute for the Teaching of Ethics and Professionalism. She is the author of *Trust Accounting for South Carolina Lawyers: An Annotated Practice Manual*, published by the SC Bar. She has also taught a variety of Paralegal Studies courses for the past twenty-five years.

**Gary Pickren**  
*Blair, Cato, Pickren, Casterline, LLC*  
*Columbia, SC*

**Gary Pickren** is an **AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated** real estate attorney, licensed real estate broker, **ARELLO® Certified Instructor**, and respected industry thought leader with more than three decades of experience helping South Carolinians navigate the legal and practical complexities of real estate. As a founding member of **Blair Cato Pickren Casterline**, Gary has helped build one of the state's most respected real estate and estate planning law firms, now with nine offices across South Carolina.

A graduate of **Wofford College** and **Samford University's Cumberland School of Law**, Gary currently serves as a **Commissioner on the South Carolina Real Estate Commission**.

He is also the creator and host of "**Dishin' Dirt**," a leading real estate podcast that delivers practical strategies, legal updates, and business development insights to thousands of REALTORS®. Through his training programs and speaking engagements, Gary has educated agents across the state on topics ranging from contract law and risk management to marketing and client relations.

Known for his wit, energy, and authentic communication style, Gary is a sought-after speaker, mentor, and trusted advisor in the South Carolina real estate community. Whether at the Commission, in the classroom, or in the closing room, his mission remains the same—to educate, empower, and elevate those who shape the future of real estate.