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PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Tort, Transportation & Specialized Litigation
- Appellate and Written Advocacy
- Insurance
- Commercial Litigation

EXPERIENCE

- Stephen has a broad range of experience in civil, criminal and administrative appellate litigation, insurance coverage litigation for insurers and insured, and general business litigation.
- Appellate Decisions:
 - *Sierra Club v. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*, 2019 WL 1372346, March 27, 2019.
 - *Gordon v. Lancaster*, 425 S.C. 386 823 S.E.2d 173, 2018.
 - *Long Grove at Seaside Farm, LLC v. Long Grove POA*, 2018 WL 344313, S.C. 2018.
 - *Bruning v. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*, 418 S.C. 537, 795 S.E.2d 290, Ct. App. 2016.
 - *Deerfield Plantation Phase II B POA v. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*, 414 S.C. 1770, 777 S.E.2d 817, 2015.
 - *Hall v. Green Tree Servicing, LLC*, 413 S.C. 267, 776 S.E.2d 91, Ct. App. 2015.
 - *ACJ Holdings, LLC v. Dunn*, 410 S.C. 346, 764 S.E.2d 912, 2015.
 - *Trask v. Beaufort County*, 405 S.C. 619, 748 S.E.2d 774, 2013.
 - *Regions Bank v. Owens*, 402 S.C. 642, 741 S.E.2d 41, Ct. App. 2013.
 - *Wise v. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*, 2013 WL 8482365, S.C. App., February 13, 2013.
 - *Deerfield Plantation Phase II B POA v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District*, 501 Fed. Appx. 268, 4th Cir., 2012.
 - *McKenzie v. Norfolk Southern Ry. Co.*, 497 Fed. Appx. 305, 4th Cir., 2012.

- *Woodward v. Norfolk Southern Corp.*, 2012 WL 10864190, S.C. App., December 5, 2012.
- *Too Tacky Partnership v. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*, 400 S.C. 469, 735 S.E.2d 240, 2012.
- *Trask v. South Carolina Dept. of Public Safety*, 2012 WL 10864175, S.C. App, November 21, 2012.
- *Wyndham Enterprises, LLC v. City of North Augusta*, 401 S.C. 144, 735 S.E.2d 659, Ct. App., 2012.
- *Jessco, Inc. v. Builders Mutual Ins. Co.*, 472 Fed. Appx. 225, 4th Cir., 2012.
- *Crossmann Communities of North Carolina, Inc. v. Harleysville Mut. Ins. Co.*, 395 S.C. 40, 717 S.E.2d 589, 2011.
- *Friends of the Earth, Inc. v. Gaston Copper Recycling Corp.*, 629 F.3d 387, 4th Cir., 2011.
- *Tobaccoville USA, Inc. v. McMaster*, 387 S.C. 287, 692 S.E.2d 526, 2010.
- *Auto-Owners Ins. Co. v. Newman*, 385 S.C. 187, 684 S.E.2d 541, 2009.
- *Beachfront Entertainment, Inc. v. Town of Sullivan's Island*, 379 S.C. 602, 666 S.E.2d 912, 2008.
- *Silver Bay Seafood Restaurants, Inc. v. Mann*, 2008 WL 9844660, S.C. App., July 31, 2008.
- *Wise v. South Fenwick, LLC*, 2008 WL 9843962, S.C. App. June 25, 2008.
- *Charleston Trident Home Builders, Inc. v. Town Council of Town of Summerville*, 369 S.C. 498, 632 S.E.2d 864, 2006.
- *Auto-Owners Ins. Co. v. Essex Homes Southeast, Inc.*, 136 Fed. Appx., 590, 4th Cir. 2005.
- *Schramm, Inc. v. Shipco Transport, Inc.*, 364 F.3d 560, 4th Cir. 2004.
- *Robertson v. First Union Nat. Bank*, 357 S.C. 191, 592 S.E.2d 625, 2004.
- *Charleston Dry Cleaners & Laundry, Inc. v. Zurich American Ins. Co.*, 355 S.C. 614, 586 S.E.2d 586, 2003.
- *Huggins v. Citibank, N.A.*, 355 S.C. 329, 585 S.E.2d 275, 2003.
- *Dawkins v. Fields*, 354 S.C. 58 580 S.E.2d 433, 2003.
- *Sabb v. South Carolina State University*, 350 S.C. 416 567 S.E.2d 231, 2002.
- *Ness v. Eckerd Corp.*, 350 S.C. 399 566 S.E.2d 193, Ct. App., 2002.
- *Jackson v. Doe*, 342 S.C. 552, 537 S.E.2d 567, Ct. App., 2000.
- *Welch v. Epstein*, 342 S.C. 279, 536 S.E.2d 408, Ct. App., 2000.
- *l'On, L.L.C. v. Town of Mt. Pleasant*, 338 S.C. 406, 526 S.E.2d 716, 2000.
- *Holmes v. McKay*, 334 S.C. 433, 513 S.E.2d 851, Ct. App., 1999.
- *State v. Aldret*, 333 S.C. 307, 509 S.E.2d 811, 1999.

- *State v. Price*, 333 S.C. 598, 510 S.E.2d 722, 1998.
- *Henggeler v. Hanson*, 333 S.C. 598, 510 S.E.2d 722, 1998.
- *James v. Lister*, 331 S.C. 277, 500 S.E.2d 198, Ct. App., 1998.
- *Burke v. City of Charleston*, 139 F.3d 401, 4th Cir., 1998.
- *Ex parte First Charleston Corp.*, 329 S.C. 36, 495 S.E.2d 425, 1998 and 329 S.C. 31, 495 S.E.2d 423, 1998.
- *South Carolina Ins. Co. v. Fidelity and Guar. Ins. Underwriters, Inc.*, 327 S.C. 207, 489 S.E.2d 200, 1997.
- *Henry v. Lewis*, 327 S.C. 336, 489 S.E.2d 639, Ct. App., 1997.
- *Silverman v. Campbell*, 326 S.C. 208, 486 S.E.2d 1, 1997.
- *Evans v. Rite Aid Corp.*, 324 S.C. 269, 478 S.E.2d 846, 1996.
- *Georgetown Steel Corp. v. Law Engineering Testing Co.*, 100 F.3d 950, 1996 WL 656866, 4th Cir., 1996.
- *Taylor v. Medenica*, 324 S.C. 200, 479 S.E.2d 35, 1996.
- *Peoples Program for Endangered Species v. Sexton*, 323 S.C. 526, 476 S.E.2d 477, 1996.
- *Carolina Chemical Equipment Co., Inc. v. Muckenfuss*, 322 S.C. 289, 471 S.E.2d 721, 1996.
- *Roberts v. American General Property Ins. Co.*, 81 F.3d 151, 1996 WL 1577344, 4th Cir., 1996.
- *Utilities Const. Co., Inc. v. Wilson*, 321 S.C. 244, 468 S.E.2d 1, Ct. App., 1996.
- *Lybrand v. Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.*, 321 S.C. 70, 467 S.E.2d 745, Ct. App., 1996.
- *Unisun Ins. Co. v. First Southern Ins. Co.*, 319 S.C. 419, 462 S.E.2d 260, 1995.
- *Coburg Dairy, Inc. v. Lesser*, 318 S.C. 510, 458 S.E.2d 547, 1995.
- *Newington Plantation Estates Ass'n v. Newington Plantation Estates*, 318 S.C. 362, 458 S.E.2d 36, 1995.
- *Botchie v. O'Dowd*, 318 S.C. 130, 456 S.E.2d 403, 1995.
- *Cheney Bros., Inc. v. Batesville Casket Co., Inc.*, 47 F.3d 111, 1995 WL 55668, 4th Cir., 1995. 316 S.C. 5, 446 S.E.2d 417, 1994.
- *Vermont Mut. Ins. Co. v. Singleton By and Through Singleton*; 316 S.C. 5, 446 S.E.2d 417, 1994.
- *First General Services of Charleston, Inc. v. Miller*, 314 S.C. 439, 445 S.E.2d 446, 1994.
- *Day v. Kilgore*, 314 S.C. 365, 444 S.E.2d 515, 1994.
- *Lazerson v. Hilton Head Hospital*, 312 S.C. 211, 439 S.E.2d 836, 1994.
- *Roe v. Doe*, 28 F.3d 404, 1994 WL 284593, 4th Cir., 1994.

- *C.P. Chemicals, Inc. V. Exide Corp., Inc.*, 14 F.3d 594, 1993 WL 535277, 4th Cir., 1993.
- *Palmetto Ford, Inc. v. First Southern Ins. Co.*, 7 F.3d 225, 1993 WL 369248, 4th Cir., 1993.
- *Charleston County School Dist. v. State Budget and Control Bd.*, 313 S.C. 1 437 S.E.2d 6, 1993.
- *Black v. Roche Biomedical Laboratories, a Div. of Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc.*, 315 S.C. 223, 433 S.E.2d 21, Ct. App., 1993.
- *Cantu v. John Hancock Mut. Life Ins. Co.*, 991 F.2d 787, 1993 WL 118086, 4th Cir., 1993.
- *Foran v. USAA Cas. Ins. Co.*, 311 S.C. 189, 427 S.E.2d 918, Ct. App., 1993.
- *Prudential LMI Commercial v. Colleton Enterprises, Inc.*, 976 F.2d 727, 1992 WL 252507, 4th Cir., 1992.
- *John Hancock Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Anderson*, 935 F.2d 267, 1991 WL 99073, 4th Cir., 1991.
- *Blizzard v. Miller*, 306 S.C. 373, 412 S.E.2d 406, 1991.
- *SSI Medical Services, Inc. v. Cox*, 301 S.C. 493, 392 S.E.2d 789, 1990.
- U.S. District Court Decisions:
 - *Selective Ins. Co. of America v. Hester Drywall, LLC*, 2019 WL 367899, USDC January 30, 2019.
 - *Roberts v. Discover Home Loans*, 2017 WL 3316047, USDC, August 3, 2017.
 - *American Southern Home Ins. Co. v. Goodale*, 2016 WL 4379553, USDC August 17, 2016.
 - *Builders Mutual Ins. Co. v. Carolina Custom Homes of Charleston*, 2015 WL 12844443, USDC March 26, 2015.
 - *Henzler v. S.C. Farm Bureau Mut. Ins. Co.*, 2014 WL 3889106, USDC August 8, 2014.
 - *GS2 Engineering & Environmental Consultants, Inc. v. Zurich American Ins. Co.*, 956 F.Supp.2d 686, D.S.C., 2013.
 - *Cincinnati Ins. Co. v. Crossmann Cmty. Of N.C., Inc.*, 2013 WL 12833871 and 2013 WL 1282017, USDC March 27, 2013.
 - *Builders Mutual Ins. Co. v. New Tradition Builders, Inc.*, No. 2:11-cv-00104-RMG, Summary Judgment – March 14, 2013.
 - *Builders Mut. Ins. Co. v. Wingard Properties, Inc.*, 2010 WL 3893701, USDC, September 28, 2010.
 - *Builders Mut. Ins. Co. v. R. Design Construction Co., LLC*, 2010 WL 2079741, USDC, May 24, 2010.
 - *Builders Mut. Ins. Co. v. Kalman*, 2009 WL 4807003, USDC, December 8, 2009.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- South Carolina, 1986
- U.S. District Court
 - South Carolina: District of South Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals
 - 4th Circuit
 - 5th Circuit
 - 6th Circuit
 - 7th Circuit
 - 9th Circuit
 - 10th Circuit
 - 11th Circuit
 - Federal Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

DISTINCTIONS

- Fellow, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers (AAAL)
- Fellow, American College of Coverage Counsel (ACCC)
- *Martindale-Hubbell*[®]
 - AV[®] – Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated, 2008 – Present
- *Best Lawyers in America*[®]
 - Insurance Law – Lawyer of the Year, Charleston, S.C., 2019
 - Appellate Practice – Lawyer of the Year, Charleston, S.C., 2015, 2021
 - Appellate Practice, 2010 – 2021
 - Insurance Law, 2010 – 2021

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Council of Appellate Lawyers
- Charleston County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Federal Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar Association

EDUCATION & HONORS

- University of South Carolina, J.D., 1986
 - Phi Alpha Delta
- College of Charleston, B.A., Political Science, 1979
 - Omicron Delta Kappa
 - Sigma Nu

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Editor, *CGL Reporter*, IRMI Publication, 2008 – Present.
- Author, “Misrepresentations in the Life, Health and Disability Insurance Application Process”, ABA Publishing, South Carolina Chapter.
- Author, “Superseding and Staying Judgments – A National Compendium”, Chapter 43 – South Carolina, ABA Publishing.
- Panel Moderator, “Damages and Costs in International Arbitration,” International Chamber of Commerce, ICC International Commercial Dispute Resolution – Understanding the ICC System.
- Author, “Examinations and Statements Under Oath,” *Law and Practice of Insurance Coverage Litigation*, West 2000.
- Author, “Fiduciary Duties in Common Commercial Relationships: The Plaintiff’s Perspective,” *The Brief*, 47, Vol. 29, No. 3.
- Contributing Editor, *South Carolina Civil Procedure*.
- Contributing Editor, *The Law of Domestic Relations in South Carolina*.
- Contributor, “Annotations to the Standard Fire and Homeowners Insurance Policy,” ABA Publication.
- Contributor, “Property Insurance Issues in Catastrophe Losses,” ABA Publication.
- Speaker, “Legal Aspects Of Doing Business In North America,” South Carolina Chapter, Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria.
- Author, “So You’ve Just Suffered A Catastrophe – Does Your Insurance Cover Anything? – Insurance Issues For Your Homes, Automobiles, Personal Property, And Businesses.”
- Author, “Appellate Ethics: What To Do, What Not To Do, And The Consequences Of Crossing The Line.”
- Author, “The Internet Lawyer: Virtual Legality – Technological Acrobatics and Balancing Acts While Using The Net.”
- Author, “Ethical Issues In Property Insurance Law: What You Can Do, What You Cannot Do, And The Consequences Of Crossing The Line.”
- Author, “Dollars and Sense: I’m Going to Have to Pay What – A Discussion of the Standard Mortgage Clause.”
- Author, “‘Concurrent Causation’ In Catastrophe Cases.”
- Presentation, “Privacy and Identity Theft: Where Are We Now And Where Are We Going In The Future...” South Carolina Bankers Association Attorney and Senior Management Clinic.