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Education:

Washington and Lee University- B. A.	1973
University of South Carolina School of Law- J. D.	1977
S.C. Forestry Commission, Commissioner and Vice Chair (appt. by Governor).	2001 – 2006

Honors and Awards:

Double Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy and Civil Pretrial Practice by National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA).	
Leadership in Law Award, S.C. Lawyers Weekly.	2013
Public Citizen Award, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.	1996
Victims Voice Award, S.C. Jury Trial Foundation.	1995
S.C. Bar Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award.	1988
American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law.	1977
The Bar Register of Pre-Eminent Lawyers.	
(Martindale-Hubbell) South Carolina Super Lawyers.	
The Best Lawyers in America.	

Civic and Charitable Boards, Memberships:

Board of Advisors, University of S.C. Upstate.	
Board of Directors, S. C. Environmental Law Project.	1992 – 1995
Board of Directors, Citizens Local Environmental Action Network (CLEAN).	1993 – 1996
Spartanburg County Democratic Party: Chairman, 1982 – 1984; Treasurer, 1986 – 1994; Vice Chair 1994 – 1998.	1982 – 1998
Board of Directors, Sertoma Club.	
Board of Directors, Piedmont Conservancy, Inc.	
Board of Directors, Safe Home/Rape Crisis (Council on Sexual Assault).	
Legal Adviser, Spartanburg Conservation Endowment.	
Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee.	

Member or Officer (past or Present) of numerous civic and charitable organizations.	
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory Rating: AV Highest rating available in competence and ethics.	
Named one of "The Big three" of "The Green Fifteen" by State Newspaper for legal victories protecting the environment.	

Legal Associations:

Board of Advisors, Charleston School of Law.	
Board of Directors, S.C. Administrative and Regulatory Law Association.	
Board of Governors, S. C. Trial Lawyers Association.	1987-1989
Board of Directors, S. C. Bar Pro Bono Program.	1989-1992
Board of Directors, Spartanburg County Public Defender Program.	1978-1982
Rules Committee, S. C. Administrative Law Judge Division.	1994 - Continuing
Sustaining Fellow, S. C. Bar Association.	1977-1979
Secretary-Treasurer, Spartanburg County Bar Association.	

S.C. Bar Committees: *(Past)*

Lawyer/Physician Relationship.	1995 – 1999
Lawyer Referral.	1993 – 1994
Trial and Appellate Practice.	
Public Affairs (Chairman, 4th District).	
Judicial Modernization Chairman, Spartanburg County Bar Medical-Legal Committee.	1990 - 2000
Advisor, Law Explorer Post Chairman, Environmental Law Committee, S.C. Trial Lawyers Association.	1993 – 2007
Admitted to S. C. Bar.	1977
Authorized to practice before all S. C. Courts and all levels of Federal Courts, including U. S. District Court, 4111 Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U. S. Supreme Court.	

Publications:

Editor and Co-Author of Environmental Law in South Carolina, book published with Federal funding.	1977
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Author: "Bad Boy Environmental Legislation- A Necessary Regulatory Tool for South Carolina," S.C. Environmental Law Journal.	1992
Author: "Environmental Law in S.C.: Protection v. Pollution," published in The Bulletin magazine, S.C. Trial Lawyers Association.	Spring, 1991
Author: "Practicing Environmental Law in S. C.," Spotlight, S.C. Association of Legal Secretaries Magazine.	1995
Author: "Practicing Environmental Law," The Bulletin magazine, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., June, 2000; reprinted in Texas Trial Lawyers Magazine.	June, 2000; February, 2001

Seminar Presentations:

"Discovery in Toxic Tort/Contamination Cases," S. C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Annual Convention.	1999
"Toxic Exposure – Proof and Causation," S. C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Annual Convention.	2001
"Environmental Enforcement," S.C. Environmental Symposium.	1996
"Citizen Suits and Related Issues," S.C. Environmental Law & Technology Conference.	1996
"Criminal Enforcement of Environmental Statutes- Citizens Perspective," S.C. Environmental Law & Technology Conference.	1997
"Environmental Law ins C., An Overview," for the Law for Non-Lawyers Program, S. C. Bar Association.	1991
"S.C.: Nuclear, Hazardous, Infectious, and Now Solid Waste Dumping Ground- Litigation," S. C. Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Convention.	1994
"Trash in Transition- New Solutions for Old Landfills," American Bar Association, Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law- Annual Convention.	1998
"Workers' Compensation in South Carolina- Issues and Answers," National Business Institute.	December, 1992
"Administrative and Regulatory Case Law Update," S.C. Administrative and Regulatory Law Association (SCARLA) Annual Seminar.	September, 2001
"Issues Involved in Taking the Case to Trial", Protecting Our Elderly/Nursing Home Accountability, National Business Institute.	2006, 2007