

Elizabeth Van Doren Gray

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Betsy is an accomplished litigator, concentrating her practice on commercial litigation, probate and estate litigation, professional liability and ethics, and securities and FINRA. The second woman to be president of the South Carolina Bar, Betsy was awarded the 2017 DuRant Award by the South Carolina Bar Foundation, a prestigious statewide honor recognizing Ms. Gray's meritorious service to the law and community.

Betsy is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Bar Foundation and the Litigation Counsel of America, is a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, and a member of the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession. Consistently recognized by Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers and Chambers USA, Betsy has been the recipient of the DuRant Award, the South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Leadership in Law Award, the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association Jean Galloway Bissell Award, and the TWIN Award from the Palmetto Center for Women.

She is a leader in the community, chairing the Board of Trustees for Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community, and is a former board member for the University of South Carolina's Educational Foundation.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Probate and Estate Litigation
- Professional Liability and Ethics
- Securities and FINRA

ADMISSIONS

- South Carolina Bar
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
- U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

- University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (1976)
 - Order of Wig and Robe
 - South Carolina Law Review, Comments Editor
- University of South Carolina, B.A. (1970)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar
 - Former President (2000-2001)
 - House of Delegates
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference
- Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession
- Chief Justice's Commission on Lawyer Advertising
 - Former Member
- United States Magistrate Merit Selection Panel
 - Former Chair (2009)
- Supreme Court of South Carolina
 - Former Appointed Attorney to Assist the Disciplinary Counsel
- Statewide and Regional Citizens Advisory Committee of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission
 - Former Chair
- South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
- John Belton O'Neall American Inn of Court

HONORS & AWARDS

- DuRant Award, South Carolina Bar Foundation (2017)
- Women in the Law, Top Peer-Nominated Lawyers by Best Lawyers (2016)
- America's Top 100 Attorneys, South Carolina
- *Columbia Business Monthly* Legal Elite of the Midlands (2016)
- National Conference of Bar Presidents Fellows Award (2016)
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Commercial Litigation (2005-2019)
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation (2009-2019)
 - Lawyer of the Year (2009, 2016)
- Chambers U.S.A. America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2007-2017)
- South Carolina "Super Lawyer"
 - Business Litigation (2008-2018), Top 25 List (2008-2010, 2013-2015, 2017), Top 10 List (2009, 2013-2015, 2017-2018)
- Palmetto Center for Women TWIN Award (2015)
- *Benchmark Litigation* Local Litigation Star (2009-2014, 2016)
- *Litigation Special Report* Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation (2012)
- *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* Leadership in Law Award (2010)
- South Carolina Women Lawyers Association Jean Galloway Bissell Award (2000)
- USC Law School Alumni Association Compleat Lawyer Award Gold Medallion (1997)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 20 Years Strong Service Project: [Helping the community with legal advice](#)
- Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
- Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community
 - Board of Trustees, Chair (2017-2019)
- University of South Carolina Educational Foundation
 - Board of Directors (2004-2010)