

J. Michael Montgomery

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Michael focuses his litigation practice in areas involving premises liability, automobile and trucking torts, insurance coverage, and products liability. He also has experience in handling construction matters, defending medical malpractice claims, and litigation involving administrative agencies.

Michael enjoys mentoring first-year law students at the University of South Carolina School of Law and also oversees the firm's law clerk program. He is a member of the executive committee for the John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court, as well as the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association and the International Association of Defense Counsel.

Michael grew up in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and graduated from Wofford College, *summa cum laude*, in 2003. He received his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2006. Before joining Sowell Gray Robinson, Michael clerked for the Honorable Costa M. Pleicones, South Carolina Supreme Court, from 2006-2008.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Premises Liability
- Commercial Transportation and Trucking
- Construction Litigation
- Products Liability
- Appellate Practice Group

ADMISSIONS

- South Carolina Bar

EDUCATION

- University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D. (2006)
- Wofford College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, (2003)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Association of Defense Counsel
- John Belton O’Neill Inn of Court
 - Executive Committee
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- The Honorable Costa M. Pleicones, Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court (2006-2008)

HONORS & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2019)
- South Carolina “Super Lawyer” Rising Star
 - General Litigation (2016-2018)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
 - Safety, Health, and Security Committee (2011-2015)