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CORDES PRIMARILY FOCUSES HIS PRACTICE ON HEALTHCARE MALPRACTICE, PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, PRODUCTS LIABILITY, DRAM SHOP, AND GENERAL LITIGATION.

He has experience representing both national and local manufacturers, as well as medical providers, retailers, and professionals of all types. Cordes is involved in the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, the Defense Research Institute, and was selected as a 2025 South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Star in products liability and medical malpractice.

Cordes earned his J.D. with honors from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2015. While in law school, he was the Senior Articles Editor for the South Carolina Law Review, a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society, and was a CALI Award Recipient for Secured Transactions and Advanced Legal Writing. He is also an Eagle Scout.

Outside of the office, Cordes enjoys spending time with his wife, son, and two dogs, cooking barbecue, and cheering on the Clemson Tigers and Atlanta Braves.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Transportation and Trucking
- Healthcare Litigation
- Products Liability
- Premises Liability

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- South Carolina Super Lawyers 'Rising Star'
  - Products Liability and Medical Malpractice (2025)
- Best Lawyers in America
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2027)
  - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2027)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Professional

- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
  - Trial Academy
- Defense Research Institute
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar

Community

- Columbia Clemson Club
  - President (2021-2024)

CREDENTIALS

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina Bar

Education

- University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., *with Honors* (2015)
  - Senior Articles Editor, *South Carolina Law Review*
  - CALI Award for Excellence Recipient: Secured Transactions; Advanced Legal Writing
  - Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Society
  - Peer Mentor
- Clemson University, B.A (2010)

RELATED INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare and Professional Services
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Manufacturing and Transportation

- Retail