

Benjamin Gooding

MEMBER

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BEN'S PRACTICE IS FOCUSED ON APPELLATE ADVOCACY, PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE, AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION.

Ben represents lawyers and law firms in legal malpractice suits in both state and federal court arising from estate planning, business, family law, corporate, and litigation matters. He also maintains a broad business litigation practice, handling disputes involving banking litigation, legal actions between members of LLCs, commercial landlord/tenant matters, securities arbitration, and other complex commercial issues.

At Robinson Gray, Ben has written numerous appellate briefs on a variety of legal issues at both the state and federal levels. A former appellate law clerk, he brings valuable perspective to briefing and arguing issues before appellate courts. Ben's undergraduate studies in business and finance provide him with a strong foundation for understanding the functions, operations, and complexities of the businesses he represents.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Appellate
- Business Litigation
- Legal Liability and Ethics
- Securities and FINRA

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented lawyers and law firms in numerous legal malpractice suits in both state and federal court arising from estate planning, business, family law, corporate, and litigation matters.
- Represented lawyers before the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for alleged violations of South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.
- Represented financial advisors and broker dealers in customer disputes in both state court and the FINRA arbitration forum.
- Represented financial advisors and broker dealers through investigations by FINRA and the South Carolina Attorney General's Securities Division.
- Represented banks in lawsuits brought by customers involving claims of breach of fiduciary duty, negligent misrepresentation, and aiding and abetting a breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented local business in a zoning appeal from decisions from the zoning administrator and zoning appeal board.
- Represented local business in negotiations with LLR regarding application of South Carolina regulations to business model.
- Represented officers and directors of a failed company in claims of breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, and self-dealing.
- Represented home owners associations in lawsuits brought by disgruntled homeowners.
- Represented business owner in litigated dispute with other owners.
- Represented various parties in appeals from circuit court, family court, and administrative law court.

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- South Carolina Super Lawyer Rising Star
 - Business Litigation (2019-2020, 2022-2024, 2026)
 - Appellate (2018)
- *Columbia Business Monthly* Legal Elite of the Midlands
 - Business Litigation (2019-2020, 2024)
 - Professional Liability (2023)
- *Columbia Business Monthly* [Best and Brightest 35 and Under](#) (2019)
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Commercial Litigation (2022-2026)
 - Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants (2025, 2026)
 - Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants (2026)

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- CLE Presenter, South Carolina Legal Ethics and Practice Program Trust School (2025)
- Panelist, "Unanswered Questions in SC Legal Malpractice Law," South Carolina Bar CLE (2025)
- Moderator, "National Trends in Legal Malpractice Claims," South Carolina Bar CLE (2025)



- Co-Author, [The Law of Legal Malpractice in South Carolina](#) *Second Edition*, South Carolina Bar CLE Division (2021)
- “Notice of Appeal: Now What? Tips for Your First Time in a South Carolina Appellate Court,” South Carolina Lawyer (May 2017)
- [Five Tips on Appellate Writing from a Former Law Clerk](#), The Advocate’s Journal (2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial Clerk, The Honorable H. Bruce Williams, South Carolina Court of Appeals (2012-2014)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Professional

- American Bar Association
- John Belton O’Neill Inn of Court
- South Carolina Bar
 - Chair, Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section (2023)
 - Backpack Drive Committee, Young Lawyers Division (2015-2019)
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association

Community

- Robinson Gray 20 Years Strong Service Project
- Ezekiel Ministries (formerly Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia)
 - Board of Directors (2016-2023)
- South Carolina Wildlife Federation
 - Chair, Board of Directors (2024-2026)
 - First Vice Chair, Board of Directors (2022)
 - Board of Directors (2017-present)

CREDENTIALS

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina Bar

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit



- U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

Education

- University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (2012)
 - South Carolina Law Review, Research Editor
 - Order of Wig and Robe
 - Order of the Coif
 - CALI Award for Advanced Legal Writing
- University of Georgia, Terry College of Business, B.B.A. in Finance, *magna cum laude* (2009)
 - UGA Honors Program
 - Leadership (L.E.A.D.) Fellow, Institute for Leadership Advancement

RELATED INDUSTRIES

- [Banking and Financial Services](#)
- [Corporate and Business](#)
- [Healthcare and Professional Services](#)
- [Lawyers and the Legal Profession](#)
- [Wealth Transfer Planning](#)