

# Grady L. Beard

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**GRADY FOCUSES HIS PRACTICE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION, WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDIATION AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY.**

He is a co-author of The Law of Workers' Compensation Insurance in South Carolina, Sixth Edition, a comprehensive book analyzing this complex area of law. Grady is a Fellow in The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers and is a member of the National Workers' Compensation Defense Network. He served as the President of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association from 2022-2023. Grady is also active in the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association and has been consistently recognized by Best Lawyers.

Grady currently serves on the firm's executive committee.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Appellate
- Workers' Compensation

## RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association
  - Lifetime Service Award (2018)
- Best Lawyers in America
  - Workers' Compensation Law – Employers (2008-2025)
  - Lawyer of the Year (2017)
- *Columbia Business Monthly* Legal Elite (2021, 2023, 2025)
- South Carolina Pro Bono Service Award
- South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Leadership in Law (2021)
- SC Super Lawyers
  - Workers' Compensation (2022-2025)
- Fellow, The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers

## PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist (with Bobby Stepp and Tina Cundari), Keep Calm and Appeal On: Appellate Practice in South Carolina, Sowell Gray CLE Series, Columbia, South Carolina (January 2013)
- The Law of Workers' Compensation Insurance in South Carolina (1992, Supplement; 1998, Second Edition; 2000, Supplement; 2003, Third Edition; 2004, Fourth Edition; 2008, Fifth Edition; 2012, Sixth Edition)

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Professional

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Larson's National Workers' Compensation
  - Advisory Board
- National Workers' Compensation Defense Network
  - Board of Directors
- Stanford E. Lacy Workers' Compensation Inn of Court
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- South Carolina Workers Compensation Educational Association
  - Immediate Past President
  - President (2022-2023)



- Vice President (2020-2021)
- Treasurer (2019)
- Board of Directors
- Vice-Chair, Workers' Compensation Law Committee
- Former Co-Chair, Workers' Compensation Section
- Supreme Court of South Carolina Certified Mediator
- Fellow, The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers

#### Community

- Robinson Gray 20 Year Strong Service Project
- Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter
  - Former Member, Board of Directors

#### CREDENTIALS

##### Bar Admissions

- South Carolina Bar
- Georgia Bar

##### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia
- U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Fourth and Eleventh Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

##### Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D. (1987)
- Northwestern State University, B.S., *summa cum laude* (1983)
- Louisiana State University

#### RELATED INDUSTRIES

- [Insurance and Reinsurance](#)
- [Mediation and Arbitration](#)
- [Workers' Compensation](#)

