

# Robert E. Stepp

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**BOBBY IS AN EXPERIENCED LITIGATOR FOCUSING ON COMPLEX CASES IN VARIED COMMERCIAL SETTINGS AT THE TRIAL AND APPELLATE LEVEL.**

His practice includes professional liability defense, corporate governance disputes, contract matters, product liability defense, voting rights, and constitutional issues. Bobby is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He received the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award from the South Carolina Bar in 2014, and was honored with the Richland County Bar Association's Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Civility Award in 2022.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

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

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented lawyers and law firms in multiple legal malpractice suits arising from real estate, probate, business, family law, litigation, and corporate matters.
- Represented majority shareholder of closely held businesses in corporate oppression and dissolution actions.
- Represented S.C. House and Senate in various matters challenging the constitutionality of legislation and legislative actions.
- Represented S.C. Public Benefits authority in statutory and constitutional challenges to funding and contribution requirements.
- Represented multiple developers, sellers and purchasers in matters relating to commercial real estate sales and development.
- Represented clients in state and federal appellate courts in high profile cases.

## RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Richland County Bar Association Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Civility Award (2022)
- *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* Leadership in Law Honoree (2019)
- South Carolina Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award (2014)
- Best Lawyers in America
  - Bet-the-Company Litigation (2017-2024), Lawyer of the Year (2017)
  - Commercial Litigation (2005-2024)
- Chambers U.S.A. America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2007-2018) (Tier 1, 2012-present)
- South Carolina "Super Lawyer"
  - Business Litigation (2008-2019, 2023), Top 25 List (2009- 2011, 2014-2015), Top Ten List (2022-2023)
- *Columbia Business Monthly* Legal Elite of the Midlands (2018)
- *Benchmark Litigation* Local Litigation Star (2009-2016)
- *Benchmark Appellate* Local Star (2012)
- *Litigation Special Report* Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation (2012)
- USC Law School Alumni Association Compleat Lawyer Award Gold Medallion (2004)

## PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Contributing Author, [\*Practicing before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit: A Guide from Start to Finish\*](#), South Carolina Bar CLE Division (2021)
- Speaker, "The Winner Takes It All: Real Estate Case Law Update Including Gooldy," South Carolina Bar CLE, Dave Whitener Real Estate Workshop, Kiawah Island, South Carolina (July 2018)

- Panelist, “One Issue, Two Perspectives: Legal Malpractice in South Carolina,” [Current Issues in Legal Malpractice](#), South Carolina Bar CLE, Columbia, South Carolina (December 2017)
- Co-Author, [The Law of Legal Malpractice in South Carolina](#), First and Second Editions, South Carolina Bar CLE Division
- “Don’t Raise Your Voice. Improve Your Argument.” Preparing for and Delivering an Excellent Oral Argument, South Carolina Lawyer (July 2013)

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Professional

- Richland County Bar Association
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Federal Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- John Belton O’Neill Inn of Court
  - Litigation Counsel of America
  - Barrister, Order of Veritas
  - Advocate, Order of Certus
  - Trial Law Institute
  - Diversity Law Institute

### Community

- Robinson Gray 20 Years Strong Service Project
- South Carolina Philharmonic
  - Former President, Board of Directors

## CREDENTIALS

### Bar Admissions

- South Carolina Bar

### Court Admissions

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



- U.S. Supreme Court

#### Education

- University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D., 1977
  - Order of Wig and Robe
  - South Carolina Law Review
- University of South Carolina, B.A., 1972

#### RELATED INDUSTRIES

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