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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 serves as Vice President of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association, is active in the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association and has been consistently recognized by Best Lawyers.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Workers' Compensation
- Workers' Compensation Mediation
- Mediation & Arbitration
- Appellate Practice Group

ADMISSIONS

- South Carolina Bar
- Georgia Bar
- 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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, *Fellow*
- Defense Research Institute
- Larson's National Workers' Compensation
 - Advisory Board
- National Workers' Compensation Defense Network
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- South Carolina Workers Compensation Educational Association
 - 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

HONORS & AWARDS

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

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- 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)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 20 Years Strong Service Project: Raising money for Kids' Chance of South Carolina
- Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- Palmetto Place Children's Emergency Shelter
 - Former Member, Board of Directors
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce