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Esq.**

Columbia, South Carolina



Current Employer-Title Sowell & DuRant, LLC - Member

Profession Attorney, Arbitrator

Work History Attorney/Member, Sowell & DuRant, 2018-Present; Attorney/Partner, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte LLC (formerly Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC), 1996-2018; Attorney/Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, 1976-1996.

Experience Represented plaintiffs and defendants in virtually every field of litigation in the last 47 years. Focus since 1985 has been business litigation, insurance disputes, and consumer class actions, but have litigated a large number of other business cases, including employment and shareholder disputes.

Experience also includes banking, consumer, construction, probate, contract, real estate, employment, intellectual property, health care, professional liability, business torts, trade practices, securities, partnerships, corporate, limited liability company, fiduciary, and class action litigation.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator Handled a wide array of civil disputes, including contract disputes, consumer claims, class actions, securities claims, shareholder disputes, business breakups, employment matters, real estate and construction, personal injury, wrongful death and products liability cases.

Mediator Style & Process Preferences Make every party a winner.

Education University of South Carolina School of Law (JD-1976); Clemson University (BA-1973).

Professional Licenses Admitted to the Bar: South Carolina (1976); US District Court: South Carolina (1980); US Court of Appeals: 4th Circuit (1999), Federal Circuit (1992); US Court of Federal Claims (1977); US Supreme Court.

Professional Associations American Bar Association; Fellow, American Bar Foundation; American Board Of Trial Advocates; Fellow, Litigation Counsel Of America (Member, Diversity Law Institute, Member, Trial Law Institute); Richland County Bar Association; South Carolina Bar (Former Chair, Dispute Resolution

Section, Former Member, House Of Delegates); South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Publications:

“Oppression of Minority Shareholders and Court Ordered Fair Value,” South Carolina Lawyer Magazine, 2010.

Speaking Engagements:

Adjunct Professor of ADR at University of South Carolina Law School, Spring 2021; have taught numerous South Carolina Bar CLE courses over the last 47 years, including insurance, appellate advocacy, civil procedure and many others; taught ADR at both South Carolina Bar CLE and South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys CLE sessions; taught first arbitrator certification course for South Carolina Bar in 2018; taught Damages classes for Professor McCullough at USC Law and Family Partnership law classes for Professor Means at USC Law; taught on faculty at the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Trial Academy; taught and argued at ABOTA Masters in Trial, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mediation Rate

\$420 Per Hour

Languages

English

Citizenship

United States of America

Locale

Columbia, SC

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