



# Brett H. Bayne columbia, sc

Brett Bayne's practice focuses on general civil litigation defense including automobile negligence, premises liability, products liability and construction defects. He specializes in trial litigation and seeing cases through to verdict. Prior to joining MGC, Brett served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Jr. He also serves on MGC's Trucking: Rapid Response Team.

In his spare time, Brett teaches Trial Advocacy at the University of South Carolina School of Law and has served as the Director and Head Coach of the USC School of Law Mock Trial Bar since 2013. During that time, the Mock Trial Bar has won numerous regional and national championships, repeatedly placed as finalists or semifinalists in competitions, and his students have won multiple outstanding advocate awards. The Mock Trial Bar is consistently ranked in the Top 10 programs in the country.

Outside of MGC, Brett can be found spending time with his wife and three daughters, Molly, Lucy and Annie. As a Texas-native, he believes the only proper barbecue is brisket. Brett enjoys smoking all varieties of meats, dining on only the highest quality Mexican food and all things Baylor. On occasion, he plays golf so poorly that he sets the game back decades.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Adulterated Food
Alcohol Liability
Bad Faith
Commercial & Business Litigation
Construction Litigation
Director & Officer Liability/Fiduciary
Government/Municipal Liability
Insurance Coverage
Litigation
Management & Professional Liability
Nursing Home Liability
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Slander & Defamation
Trucking & Transportation



## Curriculum Vitae

#### **EDUCATION**

University of South Carolina School of Law (JD) Baylor University (BA)

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Board of Trial Advocates

CLM

DRI

Richland County Bar Association

South Carolina Bar Association

South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

US Supreme Court (2019)

US Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit (2017)

US District Court, District of South Carolina (2014)

South Carolina (2011)

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Circuit Court Arbitrator

#### **AWARDS**

South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Star - Civil Litigation: Defense (2018-2024)

Best Lawyers©: Ones to Watch - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021-2024)

Columbia Business Monthly's Legal Elite of the Midlands - Insurance

(2017-2022) \*Top Attorney Vote (2017-2019, 2022 - 2023), Personal Injury (2023), Product Liability (2023)

Edward D. Ohlbaum Professionalism Award - Stetson University College of Law (2023)

Silver Compleat Lawyer Award - University of South Carolina School of Law Alumni Council (2023)

Top 25 Attorneys in South Carolina (2022)

American Board of Trial Advocates South Carolina Chapter Young Lawyer of the Year (2021)

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Lawyer of the Year (2019)

South Carolina Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award (2018)

Greenville Business Magazine's Legal Elite of the Upstate (2018)

Columbia Business Monthly's Best & Brightest 35 and Under (2018)



### **PUBLICATIONS**

South Carolina's 1,000 Year Flood - Claims Management Magazine December 2015

Winning the Battle and Losing the War: Sending Subpoenas Across State Lines - 2012