

Brett Bayne Honored by SC Lawyers Weekly and Named “Lawyer of the Year”

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McAngus Goudelock & Courie, a regional insurance defense firm, is pleased to announce that attorney [Brett Bayne](#) was honored at an event hosted by *SC Lawyers Weekly* at the Francis Marion Hotel on March 15 with the “Leadership in Law” Award. The Leadership in Law event recognizes attorneys from across the Palmetto State who have achieved success in their law practice, made contributions to society and had an impact on the legal profession. Bayne was also selected out of the class of honorees as the “Lawyer of the Year.”

“We are extremely proud of Brett. Not only is he an outstanding trial lawyer, but he devotes significant personal time to the betterment of our profession,” said Jay Courie, managing member of MGC. “He gives much of his personal and family time to coach the USC School of Law Mock Trial Team. Under his leadership, they have won numerous regional and national championships.”

Bayne,

a litigation attorney and certified Circuit Court Arbitrator based in the firm’s Columbia office, is extremely involved in the legal community. His practice focuses on general civil litigation defense, including automobile negligence, premises liability, products liability and construction defects. In his spare time, Bayne teaches Trial Advocacy at the University of South Carolina School of Law and has served as the Faculty Advisor and Head Coach of the USC School of Law Mock Trial Bar since 2013. During this time, the Mock Trial Bar has won nine regional and national championships, repeatedly placed as finalists or semifinalists in numerous competitions and his students have won multiple outstanding advocate awards.

He was recently honored by the South Carolina Bar with the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award. He has also been recognized by *Columbia Business Monthly’s* “Legal Elite of the Midlands” and “Best & Brightest 35 & Under,” as well as South Carolina *Super Lawyers* “Rising Star.” Bayne earned a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association, Richland County Bar Association, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association, Defense Research Institute and Claims & Litigation Management Alliance.

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