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Rusty is a founding member of MGC. He has been representing business interests in workers' compensation and related matters exclusively for more than 35 years. He prides himself in understanding his clients' workforce, products, services and industry. Rusty is an active member in key national professional organizations devoted to workers' compensation and claims industry issues. In addition, he has served the Bar and community as president of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association, treasurer of Kids Chance of SC, chair of the SC Bar's Workers' Compensation Section and Advisory Board member of the USO South Carolina. Rusty regularly lectures before various organizations on issues related to workers' compensation and litigation management issues. He frequently appears before the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission and in state courts representing employers, self-insureds and insurance carriers.

Outside of MGC, Rusty can be found spending time with his family, including his wife and three daughters. He and his family enjoy college football together, spending time at the beach and traveling. Rusty enjoys fishing and flying. He has been a licensed pilot since age 17 and volunteers to support medical air transport missions for Mercy Flight. He is a US Army veteran.

PRACTICE AREAS

Employment

Workers' Compensation

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of Law (JD)
The Citadel (BSBA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

South Carolina Bar Association (Past Chair and Board Member of Workers' Compensation Section; Member of Workers' Compensation and Labor and Employment Law Sections)
South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association (Past President and Board Member)
Defense Research Institute (Committees on Workers' Compensation Law and Employment Law)
USO South Carolina (Advisory Board Member)
Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

BAR ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals 4th Circuit (1987)
US District Court, District of South Carolina (1987)
South Carolina (1986)

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America® Columbia, SC Lawyer of the Year - Workers' Compensation - Employers (2014 and 2025)
The Best Lawyers in America® - Workers' Compensation Law - Employers (2005-2025)
Columbia Business Monthly's Legal Elite of the Midlands - Workers' Compensation Law (2016, 2019, 2023) *Top Attorney Vote (2022)
CLM's Professionals of the Year - Outside Counsel (2020)
South Carolina Super Lawyers - Workers' Compensation Law (2009- 2019)
South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Leadership in Law Award Recipient (2012)
South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association Lifetime Service Award Recipient (2012)
Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ - AV®

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

Kids' Chance of South Carolina (Past Treasurer, Past Board Member)
Richland County Airport Commission (Former Commissioner)
USO South Carolina (Advisory Board Member)
Mercy Flight