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2016 LEGAL ELITE of the MIDLANDS

*CAREER ADVICE FROM
Powerful Women*

A LOOK AT AIRBNB



Marguerite Willis

Nexsen Pruet

Marguerite Willis practices at Nexsen Pruet as an Antitrust and Unfair Competition Attorney and has been involved in some of the firm's biggest verdicts. She has served as national counsel for a number of

cases, including federal and state class actions, and prosecuted major antitrust matters involving a wide range of claims, from unfair trade practices and false advertising to monopolization and vicarious corporate liability. Willis has a broad depth of experience in matters governing competition, including pricing, distribution agreements, marketing programs, competitor collaboration, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, and advertising issues.

In the courtroom, Willis has established a reputation for delivering highly effective and highly successful litigation strategies. As the Co-Chair of Nexsen Pruet's Antitrust and Unfair Competition Practice, she leads a team of attorneys in developing proactive solutions to help clients achieve business objectives while avoiding issues with federal and state antitrust and trade regulation laws. She is also an American Bar Foundation Fellow.

Willis received a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from Stetson University.

Legal Elite Of The Midlands Anti-Trust Law Attorneys

Manton Grier | Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
Travis Wheeler | Nexsen Pruet
Tally Parham Casey | Wyche, P.A.



Matt Hill

Adams and Reese

Matthew B. Hill joined Adams and Reese as a partner in 2013. His real estate practice provides counsel to individuals and real estate development groups in connection with the acquisition, sale, con-

struction, and development of commercial and residential real estate projects. He also provides representation to national and regional landlords and tenants as they negotiate, renew, and modify commercial leases involving retail, warehouse, industrial, office, and restaurant space.

Hill currently serves on the Board of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and is a 2004 graduate of the Chamber's Leadership Columbia program. He also serves the South Carolina Bar as a member of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, and he is a past recipient of the Richland County Bar Association's Civic Star Award, which is given in recognition of exceptional and meritorious public service to the community for activities outside the practice of law.

Hill received a B.A. at Davidson College and his J.D. at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Legal Elite Of The Midlands Bank and Finance Law Attorneys

Alan Lipsitz | Nexsen Pruet
Stuart M. Lee | Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC
George S. "Chip" King, Jr. | Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
Ian McVey | Turner Padgett
Todd Haynie | Parker Poe
Betsy Gray | Sowell Gray Stepp & Lafitte, LLC
Robert P. Wood | Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC
Craig Garner | McNair Law Firm
Gary T. Pape, Jr. | Pope Flynn Group
John T. Moore | Nelson Mullins
Lanny Lambert | Turner Padgett
Reginald P. Corley | Scott and Corley, P.A.
Sabrina Burgess | Shery & Jones, P.A.
Suzanne Hulst "Suzi" Clawson | Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA

Commercial Real Estate Law

Top Attorney Vote



David G. Wolff
*Barnes, Alford, Stark
& Johnson, LLP*

David Wolff was a founding member of Barnes Alford and currently serves as a managing partner. His practice is devoted to real estate, banking, and corporate matters, with emphasis on commercial real estate.

His real estate practice includes representation of developers and lenders in all types of projects, including shopping centers, lifestyle centers, hotels, office buildings, apartments, condominiums, and office/warehouse buildings. His responsibilities typically include handling land acquisitions, construction and permanent financing, title review, transaction document preparation, legal opinions, environmental issues, property development, leasing, and sales.

Wolff's banking practice includes serving as bank counsel in connection with secured lending transactions. His corporate practice includes the representation of business clients in the areas of formation, compliance, contracts, real estate, and financing.

Wolff is the firm's member representative in the South Carolina Bankers Association, Central Carolina Realtors Association, and the International Council of Shopping Centers. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the South Carolina Bar, and the Richland County Bar Association.

Wolff received a B.A. from Ohio University and a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

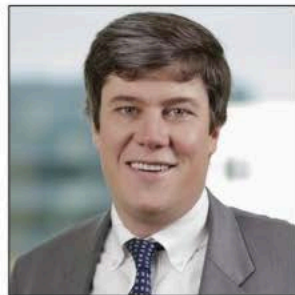
Legal Elite Of The Midlands Commercial Real Estate Law Attorneys

Sean Foerster | Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC
Steve Searcy | Lott & Searcy
Tom Runge | Adams and Reese LLP
John McArthur | Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
Matt Hill | Adams and Reese LLP
Ed Menzie | Nexsen Pruet
Leighton Lord | Nexsen Pruet
Benton Williamson | Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
Cynthia Blair | Blair Cato Pickren & Casterline
Fred Shipley | Shipley Law Firm, PC

Ian McVey | Turner Padgett
Laura Huggins | Laura H. Huggins
Lisa Hostetler | Lawyer Lisa
M. Kevin Garrison | Robinson McFadden & Moore, PC
Mark Sharpe | K&L Gates
Michael W. Tighe | Callison Tighe
Tricia Wharton | Whitener & Wharton
Will Umbach | Adams & Reese LLP

Construction Law

Top Attorney Vote



Trippett Boineau
*McAngus Goudelock
& Courie*

Robert Trippett Boineau, III is an attorney at McAngus Goudelock & Curie. His practice focuses on general litigation, premise and products liability, transportation and trucking, insurance defense and construction litigation. Prior to joining MGC Insurance Defense, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable James R. Barber, III.

Boineau is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association, Richland County Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association and the John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court. He also serves on the Long Range Planning Committee for City Center Partnership and is involved with the Urban Land Institute. Boineau was admitted to the US District Court, District of South Carolina in 2007. He has been recognized by South Carolina Super Lawyers magazine as a "Rising Star."

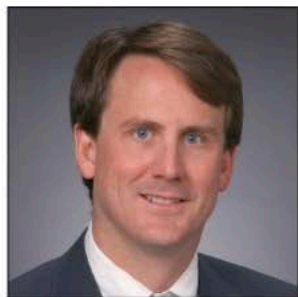
Boineau earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Legal Elite Of The Midlands Construction Law Attorneys

Robert T. Stickland | Barnes, Alford, Stark & Johnson, LLP
Joshua Bennett | Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC
Henry Brown | Nexsen Pruet
Franklin J. Smith Jr. | Richardson Plowden
Ben Bruner | Bruner Powell
Brian Autry | Kenison, Dudley & Crawford, LLC
Jared Garraux | Richardson Plowden
Shelley Montague | Gallivan, White & Boyd, PA
Andrew Cole | Collins and Lacy

Health Care Law

Top Attorney Vote



William R. Thomas

Parker Poe

Will Thomas is a partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP, and serves as the managing partner for the Columbia office. Thomas represents a variety of health care clients in litigation, regulatory,

and transactional matters, including hospitals, physician groups, urgent care centers, nursing homes, and group homes, to name a few. Prior to entering the practice of law in 1999, Thomas worked as an administrator at an academic medical center and in a physician's office, so he is familiar with both the operational and legal aspects of health care. Early in his legal career, Thomas served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Terry Wooten, U.S. District Court Judge, District of South Carolina.

Thomas received a B.A. from Washington & Lee University in 1993, and he went on to receive a Masters in Health Administration from the MUSC College of Health Professions in 1996. He received his law degree with honors from the USC School of Law in 1999. Thomas is a past President of the Richland County Bar Association, and he is currently a member of the S.C. Bar House of Delegates.

Legal Elite Of The Midlands Health Care Law Attorneys

Weldon R. Johnson | Barnes, Alford, Stork & Johnson, LLP
Matthew Roberts | Nexsen Pruet
Charles Henshaw | Furr & Henshaw
Jeanna Barn | Nexsen Pruet
Kelli Sullivan | The McKay Firm
Craig Garner | McNair Law Firm
George Beighley | Richardson Plowden
Liz Crum | McNair Law Firm
Manteith "Monty" Todd | Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
Stuart M. Andrews Jr. | Nelson Mullins
Travis Dayhuff | Nelson Mullins
Wade Mullins | Bruner Powell
Wes Jackson | Rogers Lewis
William Davidson | Davidson & Lindemann

Insurance Law

Top Attorney Vote



Andrew Delaney

*McAngus Goudelock
& Courie*

Andrew "Andy" Delaney is an attorney at McAngus Goudelock & Curie. His practice concentrates on general litigation, including automobile negligence, transportation, premises liability, products liability and construction defects.

Delaney is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association, Richland County Bar Association, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance and Defense Research Institute. He is also a member of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, where he serves as an Executive Committee Member, Co-Chair of the Trucking Committee and Chair of the Insurance Defense/Torts Subcommittee. Delaney has been recognized by South Carolina Super Lawyers magazine as a "Rising Star."

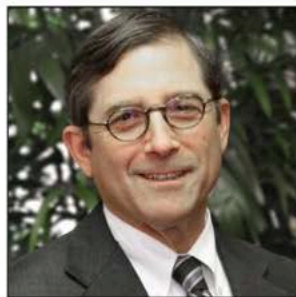
Delaney earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Legal Elite Of The Midlands Insurance Law Attorneys

Curtis W. Dowling | Barnes, Alford, Stork & Johnson, LLP
Charlie Moore | Turner Padgett
Amy Geddes | Nexsen Pruet
Daniel R. Settana Jr. | The McKay Firm
Mary LaFave | Crowe & LaFave
Scott Wallinger | Collins and Lacy
Thomas Salane | Turner Padgett
Betsy Gray | Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
George Hanna | Howser, Newman & Besley, LLC
Kelli Sullivan | The McKay Firm
Kirby Shealy | Adams and Reese LLP
Peter Dworjan | Collins and Lacy
Rebecca Laffitte | Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
Regina Lewis | Gaffney Lewis & Edwards
Robb Brown | Clawson & Staubes
Susan Drake DuBose | Baker, Ravenel & Bender, LLP

Labor and Employment Law

Top Attorney Vote



Stephen T. Savitz

Gignilliat, Savits
& Bettis, LLP

For more than three decades, Steve Savitz has been exclusively practicing labor and employment law. Certified by the South Carolina Supreme

Court as a specialist in labor and employment law, Savitz's particular concentration areas are Wage and Hour law (the Fair Labor Standards Act and the South Carolina Payment of Wages Act), equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, fair employment practices, National Labor Relations Act, and collective bargaining. He has litigated groundbreaking cases involving overtime law before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In his practice, Savitz strives to be a problem-solver, regularly offering counsel to employers and routinely reviewing employee handbooks. Savitz has represented and counseled a broad range of employers, including many hospitals, construction companies, as well as employers in the public sector. He has taught many continuing legal education programs and served as an Adjunct Professor in Legal Aspects of Counseling at the University of South Carolina Graduate School of Education.

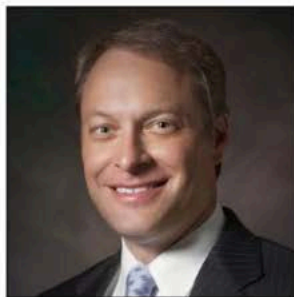
Savitz earned his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates, and a former Labor-Management Relations Chair of the S.C. Employment and Labor Law Section. His community activities include involvement in Palmetto Boys State, the S.C. Philharmonic Board, Historic Columbia and Girl Scouts.

Legal Elite Of The Midlands Labor and Employment Law Attorneys

Kris Cato | Blair Cato Pickeren & Casterline
Nikole Mergo | Nexsen Pruet
Edward Rawl | The Boeing Company
J. Hagood Tighe | Fisher & Phillips LLP
Hayne Hodges | Gignilliat, Savitz & Bettis, LLP
J. Paul Porter | J. Lewis Cromer & Associates, LLC
Reyburn Lominack | Fisher & Phillips LLP
Frank Shuler | Turner Padgett
Malissa Burnett | Callison Tighe

Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Top Attorney Vote



Rob Bethea

Adams and Reese LLP

Robert "Rob" P. Bethea, Jr. joined Adams and Reese as a partner in 2013. He serves as the Partner in Charge of the Adams and Reese Columbia office.

Practicing law since 1996, Bethea is ranked by Best Lawyers in Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Tax Law. His practice focuses on business transactions including startups, mergers, stock and asset acquisitions, recapitalizations, taxation, business contracts and agreements, succession planning, franchising, securities, and company finance. He advises clients on tax consequences of business decisions and options. He also plans and structures transactions in close coordination with clients' accountants, bankers, and other advisors.

Bethea currently serves on a committee of practitioners that is reviewing, revising, and making recommendations to the South Carolina legislature regarding amendments to the South Carolina Limited Liability Company Act. Bethea is a graduate of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Columbia program. He has also served on the Discovery Council Board for EdVenture Children's Museum and the Hammond School Alumni Board.

Bethea received a B.A. from Wofford in 1993, a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1996, and a LL.M. from New York University School of Law in 1997.

Legal Elite Of The Midlands Mergers and Acquisitions Law Attorneys

Jones DuBose | Nexsen Pruet
Mark Knight | Nexsen Pruet
Jay Hennig | Nexsen Pruet
Randy Epting | Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
Will Umbach | Adams and Reese LLP
Alan J. Reyner | Barnes, Alford, Stork & Johnson, LLP
Daniel J. Fritze | Nelson Mullins
Fred Crawford | Richardson Plowden
John Nichols | Bluestein Nichols Thompson Delgado
John Bruton III | Nexsen Pruet
John C. Bruton, Jr. | Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
Laura Huggins | Laura H. Huggins
Ray F. Laney | Riley Pope & Laney, LLC
Steve Lenker | Blair Cato Pickeren & Casterline
Tally Parham Casey | Wyche, P.A.