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Sarah defends product liability matters before state and federal courts around the country. She has experience representing clients from a range of industries, including automotive, consumer goods, hospitality, leisure, food service, and advertising. Sarah has also served as regional and national counsel to clients for premises liability, product liability, and general litigation matters.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Experience

- Has served as regional counsel for automotive clients and has appeared on behalf of her clients in state and federal courts in South Carolina, Arizona and New Jersey
- Served as national product liability counsel for a manufacturer of home appliances
- In addition to South Carolina state and federal courts, handled product liability cases in Canada and Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin in state and/or federal courts
- Involved in cases for the hospitality industry, including violent crime and premises liability cases in Georgia, Missouri, Nevada and South Carolina
- Experience in product liability litigation, including accident reconstruction, metallurgy, design, biomechanics, manufacturing processes, and warnings
- Has defended product liability cases involving heavy construction equipment and commercial steel equipment
- Has tried two cases to verdict for U.S. food service suppliers and one case to verdict for an advertising company
- Appeared before and tried cases in the South Carolina counties of Richland, Horry, Lexington, Bamberg, Orangeburg,

Education

University of South Carolina School of Law, JD, with honors (2005)

- Articles Editor, *South Carolina Law Review*
- Order of the Wig and Robe
- Moot Court
- ATLA Trial Competition Team
- Student Compleat Lawyer Award, USC
- Outstanding Achievement and Student Triumph Award

University of South Carolina, BS, Applied Mathematics and Political Science (2001)

Admissions

South Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

Practice Areas

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

[Premises Liability](#)

[Products Liability - Consumer & Mechanical](#)

and Charleston

Educational Activities

- University of South Carolina School of Law
 - Mock Trial Team
 - Justice and Alumni Relations Director for Phi Alpha Delta
 - Committee Chair, Student Bar Association

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2021–2026), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2021–2026)
- [S.C. Supreme Court Pro Bono Honor Roll \(2019\)](#)

Professional Activities

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar (Board: Publications Liaison (2015-current); Products Liability: Vice-Chair, Membership (2014-2016); Chair, Membership (2016-present); Chair, Publications Committee (2012-2014))
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- South Carolina Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice (formerly American Trial Lawyers Association)
- Richland County Bar Association
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel's Leadership Academy (2011)
- International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy (2008)

Community

- Serves as an attorney coach for Chapin Middle School Mock Trial Competition Team and the Chapin High School Mock Trial Competition Team
- United Way Blueprint for Board Service Academy (2015)
- Lead Nelson Mullins United Way Campaign (2013, 2014)

Products Liability - Automotive

Industries

Consumer Products & Retail

Manufacturing

Articles & Speeches

Events/Speaking Engagements

Product Liability - Rear Impact Testing Update; SWAG CLE/Webinar - Speaker (October 12, 2022)

[Association of Threat Assessment Professionals Conference: Frontiers of Liability in Workplace Violence Seminar](#)- Presenter (August 15, 2018)

When Your Employee Misbehaves , *FDCC Corporate Counsel Symposium*- Speaker (September 2017)

The Power of Authenticity and the Consequences of Window-Dressing , *ALFA Women's Initiative Seminar*- Speaker (October 27, 2016)

How to Prevent Your Expert Witness from Sinking Your Ship , *DRI Product Liability Conference*- Speaker (October 19, 2016)

Banging the Drum, Sounding the Horn, or Just Ringing the Bell , *ALFA International Client Seminar*- Speaker (March 5, 2016)

[South Carolina Premises Liability Third-Party Crime: How the Supreme Court Defines the "Balancing Test": Lord v. D&J Enterprises, Inc.](#), *SC Bar Seminar, South Carolina Tort Law Update*- Co-Presenter (2015)

I'll Take Ethics for \$100, Alex , *ALFA Hospitality Law Practice Group Seminar*- Speaker (November 7, 2014)

Who's on First. What's on Second. Navigating Franchisee and Franchisor Issues , *ALFA Hospitality Law Practice Group Seminar*- Speaker (November 7, 2013)

Recent Developments in Scaffolding, Crane, and Aerial Device Product Liability Law , *DRI Product Liability Conference*- Speaker (April 6, 2013)

The Pink Elephant in the Room: Addressing Other Similar Incidents throughout Your Case , *2011 Young Lawyers Breakout Session of DRI's Products Liability Conference*(April 6, 2011)