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Miles practices in the areas of appeals, business litigation, and First Amendment law. In addition to representing clients in complex civil and criminal litigation and appeals, Miles advises and represents public and private universities and serves as outside general counsel to several business and educational clients. He also represents and counsels private entities and government agencies and officials, including multiple current and former governors of South Carolina and members of Congress, on issues relating to the constitutional and statutory freedoms of speech, religion, and association. His First Amendment work has been cited by the United States Supreme Court.

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.

Representative Matters

- Represented clients including Fortune 500 companies, international manufacturers, technology startups, state agencies, and regional healthcare providers in business and appellate litigation in multiple state and federal trial and appellate courts.
- Served as lead counsel to the Governor of South Carolina in multiple federal court cases involving Free Exercise and Establishment Clause matters.
- Coordinates with trial teams to prepare strategy and critical motions in anticipation of appeal and to preserve issues and arguments for appeal.
- Served as outside counsel to a Division I public university by advising the university's Board, administration, Office of General Counsel, athletic staff, and public safety employees on a wide range of First Amendment matters including those involving free speech, religious exercise, and state and federal statutes involving expressive activities and religious exercise.
- Served as outside general counsel to a private university on a wide range of issues including internal governance, compliance, contractual issues, interactions with state and

Education

University of South Carolina School of Law, JD, cum laude (2009)

- Editorial Board, *South Carolina Law Review*
- Editor, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*
- National Moot Court Competition Team
- Mock Trial Competition Team
- Order of the Barristers
- Order of the Wig and Robe
- CALI Award for Civil Procedure I
- President, Christian Legal Society
- President, Federalist Society
- Law School Admissions Advocate
- Winner, Kate Bockman Memorial moot court competition
- Winner, J. Woodrow Lewis moot court competition

Bob Jones University, BA (2005)

Admissions

South Carolina

federal agencies and authorities, and the constitutional and statutory implications and accommodations of the university's religious identity and beliefs.

- Has counseled and represented religious non-profit organizations in various matters relating to their interactions with state and federal agencies implicating the organizations' religious identities and beliefs.
- Successfully litigated the conclusion of an IRS Church Tax Inquiry & Examination brought pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7611.
- Has served as lead counsel on more than three dozen *amicus* briefs filed at the United States Supreme Court and multiple federal Courts of Appeals, including briefs co-authored with Professors Thomas Berg, Alan Dershowitz, and Carl Esbeck. These briefs were submitted in cases combating human trafficking, challenging solitary confinement, and protecting a variety of civil rights, and have been filed on behalf of clients that include U.S. Senators and Representatives, bestselling authors, monasteries, seminaries, and several Jewish and Muslim groups.
- Provided pro bono appellate representation to multiple indigent criminal defendants, including a death row inmate, in appeals to the United States Supreme Court, the South Carolina Supreme Court, and the South Carolina Court of Appeals.
- Drafted dozens of wills for first responders as part of the Firm's "Wills for Heroes" pro bono program.

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.

- South Carolina Super Lawyers, Business Litigation
 - Super Lawyer (2024-2025)
 - Rising Star (2019)
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Appellate Practice (2023–2026), Commercial Litigation (2020–2026), First Amendment Law (2023), Litigation – First Amendment (2023)
- University of South Carolina School of Law Compleat Lawyer Award (Silver category, 2019)
- [South Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars](#)– Business Litigation (2019)
- [Greenville Business Magazine's "Legal Elite of the Upstate"](#)
 - Appellate (2022-2024)
 - Business Litigation (2019, 2023)
- S.C. Supreme Court Pro Bono Honor Roll ([2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#))
- Claude M. Scarborough, Jr. Pro Bono Award (2015)
- [AV Preeminent® Rating by Martindale-Hubbell](#)

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

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

Clerkships

Law Clerk , The Honorable Eric Bruggink ,
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Practice Areas

[Appellate Practice & Legal Strategies](#)

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

Industries

[Sports](#)

[Gaming](#)

Professional Activities

- Executive Committee, Religious Liberties Practice Group, Federalist Society (2023–present)
- Chairman, S.C. chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy
- Former Chair and Founding Member, SC Bar Attorney Wellness Committee
- Leadership South Carolina (2014–2015)
- Blackstone Legal Fellow
- Washington Fellow, National Review Institute

Community

- Member, S.C. State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- Board member, School Ministries, Inc.
- Board Member, Reaching & Teaching International Ministries
- United Way of the Midlands Blueprint for Leadership (2016–2017)

Articles & Speeches

Events/Speaking Engagements

[Educators and the U.S. Constitution](#)- Host (September 27, 2022)

An enlarged and liberal policy: Religious pluralism and toleration in America from the founding to the present day - Speaker (September 15, 2020)

Attorney wellness seminar , *South Carolina Commission on Lawyer Conduct*- Speaker (October 24, 2018)

Judicial wellness seminar , *South Carolina Judicial Conference*- Speaker (August 16, 2018)

Tight Lips Sink Ships: Rule 8.3 and the Requirement to Report Professional Misconduct , *CLE Presentation*- Speaker (February 2018)

Takings and Coastal Management a Quarter-Century after *Lucas v. S.C. Coastal Council* , *University of South Carolina School of Law*- Symposium speaker (November 3, 2017)

Constitution Day lecturer , *North Greenville University*- Speaker (September 18, 2017)

Charleston Bar Association CLE luncheon - Speaker (March 22, 2016)

SC Women Lawyers' Association conference - Panelist (March 18, 2016)

South Carolina Bar Convention, Wellness Seminar , *Moderator (January 2016 and January 2017)*- Speaker (January 2015 and January 2019)