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Mark is a sitting Regent of the American College of Trial Lawyers. A first-chair trial attorney whose litigation practice focuses on product liability cases, he has tried personal injury cases to verdict in 11 states and has participated in trials in nine other states.

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.

- Has tried asbestos personal injury cases to verdict in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington State, and West Virginia, and has participated in asbestos personal injury trials in Alabama, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Virginia
- Handled a “high profile” false arrest and defamation trial to verdict for a national charity (October 2022)
- Handled a dram shop trial to verdict for a national restaurant chain (Jan. 9, 2014)
- Handled a six-week trial to verdict in a mesothelioma product liability case involving a \$20.5 million exposure in a plaintiff-friendly venue (June 2013)
- Asbestos personal injury trial verdicts on Sept. 17, 2015; June 21, 2013; May 17, 2011; April 25, 2008; Oct. 26, 2006; March 1, 2006; Aug. 14, 2005; May 19, 2005; Jan. 27, 2005; Aug. 20, 2003; Nov. 1, 2002; and Oct. 18, 2001
- Involved in extensive litigation in defense of rehabilitation hospitals
- Handled a two-week federal trial to verdict for an automobile manufacturer, which arose under the state and federal Dealers Day in Court Act (Feb. 18, 2009)
- Has handled the defense of more than 200 synthetic stucco (Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems – EIFS) cases for South Carolina homebuilders, including the first trial of a South Carolina EIFS case (May 2000) and another homebuilder's synthetic stucco case to verdict (April 30, 2002)

Education

University of South Carolina School of Law, JD (1986)

University of the South (Sewanee), BA (1983)

St. John's College, Oxford University

Admissions

Florida

South Carolina

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States

Practice Areas

[Toxic Torts/Asbestos](#)

[Bad Faith & Extra Contractual Litigation](#)

[Premises Liability](#)

[Products Liability - Consumer & Mechanical](#)

[Professional Liability](#)

[Construction and Construction Transactions](#)

Industries

- Trial experience encompasses building product, construction, commercial, general liability, product liability, and other personal injury cases in South Carolina and in other venues across the United States, during nearly 40 years of practice

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®](#), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2011–2026)
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Lawyer of the Year, Charleston, SC, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2012, 2017, 2023, 2025)
- [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#), Litigation: General Commercial – South Carolina (2009–2025)
- [Benchmark Litigation "Litigation Star"](#), Construction, Product Liability (2018–2025)
- [The Legal 500](#), Dispute resolution: Product liability, mass tort, and class action: toxic tort – defense (2018–2024), Leading Partner (2025)
- [South Carolina Super Lawyers](#), Personal Injury Defense: Products (2010–2025)
- [Charleston Business Magazine "Legal Elite of the Lowcountry"](#)
 - Product Liability - Defendants (2023-2024)

Professional Activities

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers (Feb. 2009–present)
- Advocate-level member, American Board of Trial Advocates (Jan. 2004–present)
- Permanent Member, Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference (since 2003)

Community

- Board Member, Clemson University Foundation
- Past Board of Trustees, University of the South (Sewanee)
- Past Chairman and President, Coastal Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America
- Past Board Member, Gibbes Museum of Art
- Board of Directors, Kanuga Conferences, Inc.
- Development Board Member, Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community
- Past Vestryman and Senior Warden, St. Philip's Episcopal

[Construction and Construction Transactions](#)

[Automobiles & Other Motor Vehicles](#)

Church

- Trustee, The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South Carolina

Leadership

- Regent, American College of Trial Lawyers (2021–present)
(State Chair, 2017–2019)
- Past President, American Board of Trial Advocates, Charleston Chapter (2016–2017)
- Past President, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association (2005–2006)

Articles & Speeches**Insights**

Too Many Lawyers Find It Too Hard to Build Courtroom Experience , *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly Vol. 36 No. 6*; *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Vol. 22 No. 6*- Contributor (June 2024)

Teaching Law Students to Do The Right Thing , *Journal of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Issue 105*- Author (Summer 2024)

Events/Speaking Engagements

The Program for Leadership and Character - Speaker (March 2, 2024)

[South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association Trial Academy: 'Voor Dire and Jury Selection'](#) - Speaker (May 9, 2019)