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Practices

Nonprofit and Exempt Organizations
Shareholder Litigation
Estate, Probate and Trust Litigation
Collections
Foreclosure
Litigation
Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
Business Disputes
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith
Professional Liability
Catastrophic Injury
Real Estate Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Industries

Credit Unions
Insurance
Real Estate

Bruce represents a variety of banking and financial institutions in real estate litigation, commercial litigation, and mortgage foreclosures. He also represents insurers and corporate clients in bad faith and coverage issues, professional liability, business litigation, as well as fiduciaries in probate litigation matters (including trusts and estates).

Bruce actively participates in the Defense Research Institute, where he is the past program chair for the Professional Liability Committee. In the past, Bruce served as Online Community chair, Annual Meeting chair, and vice chair of the Lawyer Malpractice SLG of the Professional Liability Committee, and chair of the D&O and E&O SLG of the Commercial Litigation Committee.

Bruce is a certified Circuit Court mediator and approved mediator for the United States District Court. He also served on the South Carolina Bar Association's Board of Governors from 2017 to 2020.

Experience

Reported Decisions:

Accident, Injury & Rehab., PC v. Azar, 943 F.3d 195, 200–01 (4th Cir. 2019) – CMS reimbursement litigation. Fourth Circuit held the district court possessed subject matter jurisdiction to hear medical provider's claim for

Education

- University of South Carolina, J.D., 1996
- University of Virginia, B.A., 1993

Admissions

- South Carolina
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

injunctive relief.

Recognitions

- Listed in Best Lawyers in America as "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation - Insurance - 2017, 2020
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America for Commercial Litigation and Litigation - Insurance since 2015
- Listed in Super Lawyers for Commercial Litigation - 2008-2009, 2016-2021
- Listed in Charleston Business Magazine's Legal Elite of the Low Country - Insurance - 2018, 2019
- Recipient, University of South Carolina Compleat Lawyer Award, Gold category 2020

Community & Professional

- Defense Research Institute
 - Professional Liability Committee
 - Program Chair, 2019
 - Program Vice Chair, 2018
 - Communities Chair, 2016-2017
 - Vice Chair, Legal Malpractice Substantive Law Group, 2013-2015
 - Commercial Litigation Committee
 - Chair, D&O and E&O Substantive Law Group, 2008-2012
- South Carolina Bar
 - Board of Governors, 2017 - 2020
 - Law Related Education Committee
 - House of Delegates, Ninth Circuit, 2004-2017
 - Chair Elect, Trial and Appellate Advocacy Council Section, 2016
 - Nominating Committee, 2012-2014
 - Professional Liability Committee
 - Diversity Committee
- Charleston County Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association

- South Carolina Chapter Board of Directors, 2008-2012
- Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification, 2003-2007

Bruce is a frequent author and speaker. He is the author or co-author of several CLE publications and speaks at CLE seminars.

Nexsen Pruet Alert

Defending Lawyers in the Age of Cynicism: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly in South Carolina Legal Malpractice Actions, March 2019

South Carolina Lawyer

Show me the Money: Collecting Judgments Against the Savvy Judgment Debtor, September 2016

Serving the Master: Challenging the Authority Power or Jurisdiction of the Master-in-Equity, January 2015

"With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies? Getting out of Default is Never Easy", November 2013

DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar

Strategies to Obtain Early Settlement of General Aviation Claims, Co-author, Skywritings, May 2014

"Going Deeper – South Carolina Expands the pool of Plaintiffs in Estate Planning Malpractice", November 2014

South Carolina chapter on the Collateral Source Rule & Compendium for Professional Liability Insurance, DRI (2012)

Regional Editor, Unfair Trade Practices Compendium, DRI (2005)

Co-author, Using Non-Reliance Clauses in Defense of Fraud Claims, *The Business Suit*, 2006

Bruce's Case Notes

SC Court of Appeals Holds that Intervenor Rights Trump Plaintiff's, August 2016

Insights

03.12.2019

Insurer Must Assume Defense to be Liable for Failure to Settle Under Tyger River Doctrine

TIPS: a Torts, Insurance and Products Blog