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Services

Appellate, Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Class Action,

Grayson focuses his practice on appellate proceedings and major trial court motions. He represents both private and public entities in cases involving novel or complicated legal questions and complex procedural issues. From his clerkship experience and his own practice, Grayson understands that strong reasoning and clear writing are essential to presenting a client's most effective argument to the court.

Grayson has drafted appellate briefs and trial court motions on a wide range of issues, ranging from novel questions of law, federal and state constitutional questions, statutory interpretation, jurisdictional questions, class certification, evidentiary issues, breach of contract, fiduciary duty, employment discrimination, administrative law, and procedural issues.

In addition to representing both public and private clients in federal and state appellate courts, Grayson has represented more than 100 members of Congress, including congressional leaders, in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Grayson also has written law review articles and articles in other legal periodicals on open legal questions or issues on which courts are divided. Grayson's scholarship has been cited in both merits and certiorari briefing in the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as in other federal and state appellate courts.

Before joining Burr Forman McNair, Grayson clerked for the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. While in law school, Grayson served as an executive editor of the Duke Law Journal and as a member of the Moot Court Board.

Publications

- Supreme Court Opens Federal Courts to Takings Claims by Private Property Owners against State and Local Governments
- *SC Lawyer Magazine*: Lawsuits and Legislative Leadership
- *Getting From Award to Judgement: Where to Confirm Or Vacate Arbitration Awards*, SC LAWYER, July 2018, at 26
- *Unmixing the Mess: Resolving the Circuit Split over the Brillhart/Wilton Doctrine and Mixed Complaints*, 64 U. KAN. L. REV. 793 (2016)

- *The Necessary Narrowing of General Personal Jurisdiction*, 100 MARQ. L. REV. 375 (2016)

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Mordecai Scholar, Duke University School of Law, (2012)

B.A., *with honors*, Jefferson Scholar, University of Virginia, (2009)

Licensed In

North Carolina, South Carolina

Admitted In

U.S. Supreme Court

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 Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court – South Carolina

U.S. District Court – Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court – Western District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court – Northern District of Texas

Honors & Awards

- *South Carolina Super Lawyers*, "Super Lawyers Rising Star," Business Litigation (2018), "Super Lawyers Rising Star", Appellate (2019)

Professional Associations

Member, Federalist Society

Member, Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section Council, South Carolina Bar (2018)

Member, Advisory Committee on Rules and Procedures, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2017-present)

Member, Practice and Procedure Committee, South Carolina Bar (2014-present)

ABA YLD Service Project Committee Co-Chair, South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers, Executive Council (2018-present)

Participant, South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy (2018)

Community Involvement

Leadership South Carolina Class of 2019

Youth Basketball Coach, First Presbyterian Church (2017-present)

Chair, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, Central and Upstate South Carolina Regional Selection Committee (2014-present)

Public Policy Committee, Columbia Chamber of Commerce (2017-present)

Experience

- Represented a national bank in the trial and appellate court in a putative class action involving a lender's obligation under a federal statute. The Fourth Circuit affirmed the district court's grant of summary judgment for the national bank.

- Represented a large financial institution in the trial and appellate court on a novel jurisdictional question. The Fifth Circuit adopted the client's position and affirmed the district court's conclusion that federal subject-matter jurisdiction existed.
- Represented a national bank on appeal in a case involving allegations of wrongdoing with the recording and transfer of mortgages. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed the trial court's decision and dismissed the claims.
- Represented a financial institution on appeal in a case involving claims for breach of fiduciary duty and fraud. The North Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the dismissal of the claims.

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