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Practice Areas

Medical Malpractice

Education

Edinboro State College (B.S.N., 1978)

University of South Carolina (M.S., Nursing, 1987)

University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., 1997)

Bar Admission

1997, South Carolina

Barbara A. Chesley is an Attorney of Richardson Plowden in the Columbia office. She focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense, insurance defense litigation, hospital law and nursing home/long term care litigation. She has a special interest in legal risk management for the healthcare professional. As an attorney and registered nurse, she offers a unique insight into these areas.

Mrs. Chesley's experience includes:

- More than 16 years experience as a registered nurse.
- Served as a Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist at Baptist Medical Center in Columbia, S.C.
- In-house Legal Risk Manager for Palmetto Baptist Medical Center from 1997 to 2000.

- Frequent guest speaker for nursing, medical and other healthcare professionals on health law and legal risk management for the healthcare provider.

Scholarly Lectures and Speaking Engagements

- An experienced speaker, Mrs. Chesley most recently presented at the South Carolina Student Nurse Convention in Myrtle Beach.

Certifications

- Previously certified as a Critical Care Registered Nurse

Awards, Honors, and Accolades

- 2026, Selected as “*Legal Elite*” for Medical Malpractice Defense by *Greater Columbia Business Monthly*
- Rated AV Preeminent® for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability, Martindale-Hubbell American
- One of 12 South Carolina attorneys selected to be featured in SC Bar Video Campaign.
- 2024, Selected as *Midlands Legal Elite* for Medical Malpractice Defense by *Greater Columbia Business Monthly*

