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# BENJAMIN CARLTON

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## Practice Areas

Business and Corporate Law
Litigation
Healthcare Law
Estate Planning & Probate

## Education

**North Carolina State University** (B.S., Accounting, *summa cum laude*, 2010)
**North Carolina State University** (B.S., Business Administration, *summa cum laude*, 2010)
**North Carolina State University** (B.A., Economics, *summa cum laude*, 2010)
**University of South Carolina School of Law** (J.D., *cum laude*, 2013)

## Bar Admission

2013, South Carolina
2014, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina
2014, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
2017, U.S. Supreme Court

Benjamin P. Carlton is the managing shareholder of Richardson Plowden and is a member of the Firm's Corporate Law Practice Group. In his practice, Ben handles a diverse array of transactional and

litigation matters.

On the transactional side of his practice, Ben assists businesses and non-profits with choice of entity; formation and licensing; ownership and governance; internal and external contracts; mergers, acquisitions, and sales; and general advice and counseling for the many issues that arise over a business's lifespan. Additionally, specific to health care providers, Ben assists with regulatory compliance (including HIPAA), governmental audits and investigations, and payment appeals.

Ben also assists individuals with effectuating their estate planning objectives; considering and negotiating employment offers and proposed agreements, including for physicians and other health care providers; analyzing existing non-competition and similar restrictive covenants; liability protection; and other personal, contractual matters.

On the litigation side of his practice, Ben has represented businesses and individuals in South Carolina state and federal courts, including South Carolina appellate courts and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals as well as South Carolina administrative and regulatory agencies. The varying subject matter of such representations include: contractual agreements, covenants, and representations; warranties; owner dissociation and disputes; securities laws and regulations and derivative actions; professional malpractice; general real estate, easement access, and road closure; insurance coverage; debt collection and enforcement; tax controversies; class actions; injunctive relief; and various tort claims.

Prior to joining Richardson Plowden in 2013, Ben earned his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina (USC) School of Law, graduating with honors. As a law student, Ben served as the Associate Editor in Chief of the South Carolina Law Review for Volume 64. He also served as Treasurer of the Calhoun Inn of the Phi Delta Phi Honor Society and received CALI Awards in Secured Transactions, International Trade Law, and Legal Writing II. While attending law school, Ben clerked for Richardson Plowden and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

**Pro Bono/Community Involvement**

- Park Scholarship (NC State)–Selection Committee Member
- Leadership Columbia, Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Class of 2017
- Capital Rotary Club–Current Assistant District Governor; Past President, Officer & Director; Paul Harris Fellow
- Wills Clinic Participant, Habitat for Humanity, SC Bar Young Lawyers' Division

**Awards, Honors, and Accolades**

- 2026-2025, Recognized as “Legal Elite” in Business Litigation and Corporate Law by *Greater Columbia Business Monthly*
- 2023 – 2020 *South Carolina Super Lawyer,* Rising Star for Corporate Law
- 2023 – 2018, Recognized as “Legal Elite” in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions Law by *Greater Columbia Business Monthly*
- Awarded “Eagle Scout” by the Boy Scouts of America
- Park Scholarship Recipient
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Order of the Wig and Robe