

DREW BUTLER

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Practice Areas

Construction Law

Litigation

Education

Rhodes College (B.A., 1999)

**Pennsylvania State University Dickinson
School of Law** (J.D., 2002)

Bar Admission

2002, South Carolina

U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Drew Hamilton Butler is a shareholder at Richardson Plowden. He joined the firm in 2002 at the Columbia office before helping to open the Charleston office in 2012. As a trial lawyer, he focuses his practice on general litigation, including but not limited to construction litigation, products liability defense, government defense, and personal injury litigation.

Mr. Butler's experience includes:

- Successfully tried cases in the United States District Court and Circuit Courts of South Carolina
- Successfully defended general contractors and subcontractors in large exposure construction-defect claims
- Provides insurance coverage opinions for insurance carriers responding to a claim in South Carolina
- Defends various government entities in claims brought under the South Carolina Tort Claims Act or 42 U.S.C. §1983

Prior to joining Richardson Plowden, Mr. Butler served as a speech writer for the Pennsylvania legislature and worked as a Judicial Law Clerk for Pennsylvania Civil Service Commission Administrative Law Court.

Scholarly Lectures and Speaking Engagements

- Strafford Continuing Legal Education Presenter: Dram Shop / Liquor Liability Defense – Protecting our Bars and Restaurants (September, 2024)
- South Carolina Inns of Court, Speaker – The Importance of Civility and Professionalism for the South Carolina Bar (February, 2024)
- NBI, Inc, CLE Lecture – Handling Residential and Commercial Construction Claims from Start to Finish (January, 2024)
- Risk Management Services: Law Enforcement Liability – How to Defend Civil Claims in the Modern Era (May, 2022)
- South Carolina Bar – Leadership Academy Presenter (February, 2022)
- CLE Presenter: Defending Dram Shop Claims in South Carolina (November, 2021)
- Strafford National Publications: Dram Shop Liability – Bar, Restaurant and Individual Exposure for Over-serving Customers and Guests (August, 2019)
- CLM National Construction Conference Speaker: Navigating the Modern Settlement Agreement (San Diego, CA / Fall, 2017)
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, Annual Meeting Speaker: Defending Restaurants and Bartenders from Dram Shop Liability (Summer, 2017)
- SC Bar CLE: Defending Restaurants and Bartenders from Dram Shop Liability (Winter, 2016)
- South Carolina Law Enforcement Defense Conference: Defending Prisoner Litigation Claims (Fall, 2016)
- The Hartford Insurance Company: Construction Litigation Defense in South Carolina (Fall, 2014)
- South Carolina Department of Mental Health: Risk Management and Loss Prevention Tactics (Summer, 2013)

- Lorman Education Services, Lecture: Understanding the Current CGL Policy; The Role of Performance Bonds & Additional Insured Issues (Summer, 2012)
- Lorman Education Services, Lecture: AIA Contracts – A General Overview/Dispute Resolution & Arbitration (Fall, 2011)
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, Annual Meeting Speaker: Punitive Damages and Post-Trial Motions (Winter, 2010)
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, Trial Academy Presentation: Jury Charges, Verdict Forms & Special Interrogatories (Spring, 2010)
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, Joint Meeting Presentation: Expert Witness Cross-Examination Do's and Don'ts (Summer, 2007)

Publications/Writings

- *South Carolina Dram Shop Litigation: A Practical Guide*: South Carolina Bar – CLE Division, Nov, 2016
- *Understanding the Application of Performance Bonds in Construction Defect Litigation*, The Defense Line, Volume 43 (Spring 2015)
- *Attorney General's Office Provides Trial Experience While Supporting A Valuable Community Program*, The Defense Line, Volume 34 (Fall 2006)

Awards, Honors, and Accolades

- 2024 Petigru American Inn of Court – Charleston Chapter Member
- 2019 & 2017, Lowcountry Legal Elite for Business Litigation by the *Charleston Business Journal*
- 2018, Selected as a Charter Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America
- 2017-2012 *South Carolina Super Lawyers* for General Litigation, Rising Star
- 2012, AWR Litigator of the Year Award
- Rated Distinguished® for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability, Martindale-Hubbell American
- 2002, Certificate in Dispute Resolution and Advocacy, Pennsylvania State University
- 1995-1997, NCAA Baseball and Football Letterman

