



STEPHEN F. MCKINNEY, ESQ.

Hearing Officer

Stephen F. McKinney, Esq. has nearly 40 years of experience as a litigator. He is a sought-after mediator and arbitrator with a national profile who has resolved thousands of disputes and tried cases in venues around the country. Mr. McKinney has broad experience handling product liability, broker/dealer, trust and estates, finance, and intellectual property matters. He is also a respected neutral within the ADR community who has presided over many cases to final arbitration ruling.

Mr. McKinney has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America since 2010 in the topic areas of Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Environmental Litigation and by South Carolina Super Lawyers. He received his Juris Doctorate from Emory University School of Law in 1988; a Master of Divinity from the Southern Theological Seminary in 1985; and a Bachelor of Arts from Furman University in 1982.

Mr. McKinney is available to arbitrate and mediate cases throughout Georgia and South Carolina.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Antitrust & Trade Regulations
- Biotechnology & Life Sciences
- Business/Corporate/Partnership
- Commercial
- Construction
- Construction Defect
- Employment Law
 - Employment Litigation
 - Executive Employment Law
 - Executive Severance Contracts
 - Executive Transfers
- Environmental Law
- Federal Law
- FINRA
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property/Patent/Copyright
- Personal Injury
 - Product Liability
- Mass Torts
- Real Property/Land Law/Leasing
- Securities/Financial
- Trusts & Estates/Probate

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "The Ghost in the Room: Mediation and the Courts," the Daily Report, ADR Special Edition, 2018

HONORS and AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America, 2010 - Present
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Environmental Litigation
- South Carolina Super Lawyers

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Of Counsel, Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, 2022 - 2023
- Chief Legal Officer, The Klotz Group of Companies, 2021 - 2022
- Shareholder, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., 1988 - 2016

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- Georgia State Bar
- South Carolina State Bar

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Certified Circuit Court Arbitrator, South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediation Certification, 2011
- Certified Circuit Court Mediator, South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediation Certification, 2007

EDUCATION

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1988
- Southern Theological Seminary - Wake Forest, M. Div., Theology/Pastoral Counseling, 1985
- Furman University, B.A., 1982