
Troy A. Tessier, MEMBER

Troy is a creative, determined litigator and problem solver, with over two decades of experience in many different areas, including the conduct of well over 50 trials to verdict in state and federal courts, along with the conduct of alternate dispute resolution on behalf of his clients. He has a diverse litigation practice, involving complex cases in many areas, such as securities, copyright infringement and first amendment cases, personal injury, products liability and construction disputes. As a graduate of Harvard Law School, a Marine, and a former federal prosecutor, Troy has a unique background and enjoys working with clients, both plaintiffs and defendants, to help solve complex legal problems.



CONTACT

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PRACTICE AREAS

- **Construction**
- **First Amendment**
- **Insurance Coverage**
- **Intellectual Property**
- **Plaintiff's Personal Injury Practice**
- **Product Liability**
- **Whistleblower and False Claims Act Litigation**
- **Novel Questions of Law**
- **Litigation**
- **Architectural Works Copyright Infringement Litigation**
- **Big Case Litigation**
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution**

EDUCATION

1993, J.D.	Harvard Law School, <i>cum laude</i>
1990, B.A.	St. Lawrence University, <i>summa cum laude</i> ; Phi Beta Kappa

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

A sample of Troy's specific experience includes:

- Handling copyright infringement claims for the copyright owner, including service as lead counsel in a successful three-week trial of a copyright infringement case resulting in a \$1.4 million verdict in favor of his client, a multi-million dollar settlement prior to trial and several other major settlements after litigation commenced
 - Defense of a client sued by a bank on a loan guaranty that resulted in a settlement in which the client not only defeated the guaranty claim, but was paid a substantial settlement in his favor by the bank
 - Obtaining an extremely favorable settlement of a claim against an insurance carrier for a major corporate client after several days of trial in federal court
 - An active products liability defense practice, including a case in which he secured the disqualification of an expert witness and, as a result, summary judgment in favor of the defendant
 - Securing several substantial personal injury awards on behalf of plaintiffs, including a nearly \$1 million settlement in a products liability case and a settlement in excess of \$1 million in a medical malpractice case
 - Successful defense of a construction claim in excess of \$1 million against a client that resulted in a settlement in which the claimant gave up its demand entirely
 - Obtained substantial jury verdict in federal court in favor of executive discharged in breach of his employment agreement
 - Handling insurance coverage disputes on behalf of insureds against insurance carriers refusing to provide a defense or coverage for underlying claims
 - Second chair in the defense of a death penalty case resulting in consecutive life sentences for the defendant
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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2001-Present	Wyche, P.A.
2000-01	Assistant United States Attorney, District of South Carolina
1997-2000	Associate, Wyche, P.A.
1993-97	Judge Advocate, United States Marine Corps

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia, 2006
 - Georgia Bar, 2005
 - Georgia State Courts, 2005
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2002
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1997
 - South Carolina Bar, 1997
 - South Carolina State and Federal Courts, 1997
 - New Hampshire Bar, 1993
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PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES`

- South Carolina Association for Justice, Member, 2000-Present
 - American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, 2011-Present
 - Member, Lex Mundi Litigation, Arbitration, and Dispute Resolution Group
 - Leadership Greenville, Class 29
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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- **Doing Business in South Carolina Guide, author of Section IX: Dispute Resolution**
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GOVERNMENT SERVICE

- Served a tour as Judge Advocate at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, prosecuting and defending courts-martial and administrative discharge hearings, 1993-97; achieved final rank of Captain
 - Served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Greenville, South Carolina, 2000-2001, handling White Collar Crime
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HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2015 | Named the 2016 Greenville Copyright Law "Lawyer of the Year" by <i>Best Lawyers</i> ® |
| 2015 | <i>Greenville Business Magazine</i> "50 Most Influential 2015" |
| 2012 - Present | Recognized as "Legal Elite" by the <i>Greenville Business Magazine</i> |
| 2010 - Present | Listed in South Carolina <i>Super Lawyers</i> |
| 2008 - Present | Listed in <i>Best Lawyers In America</i> |
| 2005 - Present | Listed in <i>Chambers USA</i> |
| 2003 | Graduate of Leadership Greenville, Class 29 |
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