



## Steven T. Moon

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Steve Moon is counsel for a number of healthcare entities. He focuses his practice in defending businesses and their insurers in lawsuits in state and federal courts. Steve has represented many healthcare institutions, including hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies and assisted living facilities in defense of claims against them involving their business activities and professional negligence. He handles data security and privacy, as well as HIPAA matters.

Steve has been recognized in *Columbia Business Monthly* in 2013-2015 as one of the “Midlands’ Legal Elite” for Health Care. He also serves on the Environmental Litigation Team, which handles toxic tort and contamination claims, as well as the defense of enforcement actions by governmental agencies such as DHEC, DENR, and the EPA.

While in law school Steve clerked at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and has maintained an interest in environmental issues. Currently he is involved in defending a mass tort lawsuit related to persons and property damage caused by exposure to coal fly ash.

Steve served as the liaison counsel for several pharmacy companies in a class-action/mass tort lawsuit in South Carolina. Serving on the firm’s Construction and Products Liability Team, he focuses on construction defects, personal injury

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**Offices**

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**Areas of Concentration**

**Construction**

**Dispute Resolution**

**Healthcare**

**Insurance Defense**

**Litigation**

**Mass Tort**

**Mediation**

**Products Liability Defense**

**Professional Liability**

**Environmental Issues**

**Environmental Litigation Defense**

**Trucking Accident Defense**

**Admissions**

South Carolina, 1986

United States District Court, South Carolina,  
1986

United States Court of Appeals, Fourth  
Circuit, 1987

United States Supreme Court, 1996

and general business issues. He also has significant experience in transportation and railroad issues. In addition, he is a former Chairman of the Lawyer-Physician Relationship Committee, as well as past Chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the South Carolina Bar. By appointment of the South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice, Steve served on the Executive Committee of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization. Steve has been a certified mediator for more than 10 years.

## Education

- University of South Carolina, J.D., December, 1985
- University of South Carolina, B.A., 1981

## Memberships

- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- South Carolina Bar
  - Health Care Law Section Council
  - Wellness Committee
- American Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- The Defense Research Institute, Inc.
- Former Chairman, South Carolina Commission on Continuing Legal Education, appointed by Chief Justice
- American Health Lawyers Association

## Publications, Speeches & Seminars

- Charlotte Area Environmental Breakfast Club
  - “Down and Dirty with Coal Ash” – March 28, 2015
- Carolinas Construction & Environmental Claims Seminar, March 2013, March 2014, March 2015
  - Organizer and Speaker

### **Videos from the program**

#### **Pleadings and Discovery**

#### **Emerging Claims – Coal Ash Litigation**

## **Cost-Shifting Strategies in Defending Lawsuits**

### **Lone Pine and Case Management Orders**

- 2015 IADC Midyear Meeting  
“Ashes to Ashes”: The Regulation and Litigation over Coal Ash –  
February 2015
- Environmental & Emerging Claim Manager Association (EECMA)-May  
2013  
“Environmental Litigation – Tactics & Strategies to Save Time, Money &  
Sanity”
- World of Coal Ash-April 2013  
“Regulatory and Legal Applications: Fly Ash Use in Cement and  
Cementitious Products”

**“A Portrait of Unintended Consequences: Beneficial Use of Coal Ash  
and Regulatory Uncertainty”**– American Bar Association – Waste and  
Resource Recovery Committee Newsletter, January 2012

“When the Walls Come Tumbling Down” (The Impact of Coal Ash  
Regulation and Emerging Litigation). American Bar Association, Section of  
Environment, Energy & Resources Law Summit  
Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2011

“Practice & Procedure: When Representing a Client Before DHEC”  
South Carolina Bar Association CLE Video.May 2011

“Jackpot or Bust: Regulation of Coal Combustion Products”  
National Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Meeting  
Denver, Colorado. April 2011

“Will the EPA Newly Proposed Regulations for Coal Combustion Products  
Affect Concrete Requirements for Department Transportation Building  
Specifications?”  
South Carolina Bar Construction Law Section Newsletter. August 2010

“The Role of Microscopy in Regulatory and Legal Applications: Fly Ash Use  
in Cement and Cementitious Products.”  
International Cement Microscopy Association 32nd Annual Meeting  
New Orleans, Louisiana. March 2010

“Legal Aspects of Collections.”  
Pee Dee Chapter of South Carolina Medical Office Managers Association.  
January 2010.

“Legal Aspects of Collections.”

South Carolina Oncology Medical Office Managers Association. September 2009.

“Pharmaceutical Litigation.”

South Carolina Bar CLE – Civil Law Update. January 21, 2005

“Pinehurst Getaway Weekend and CLE”

South Carolina Bar CLE – Moderator. June 2005

“Corporate Document Retention and Rule 30(b)(6) Depos”

South Carolina Bar CLE – Civil Law Update. March 27, 2004

“Corporate Depositions Under Rule 30(b)(6)”

South Carolina Bar CLE – March 22, 2003

“Health Care Torts.”

South Carolina Bar CLE -Moderator. August 24, 2001

“Unethical Misuse of Exhibits.”

South Carolina Bar CLE – August 24, 2001

“Top Ten Things You Need To Know.”

South Carolina Bar CLE- Moderator December 15, 2000.

“Ten Things You Need To Know.”

South Carolina Bar CLE – Moderator December 17, 1999

“Successful Judgment Collections in South Carolina.”

National Business Institute July 31, 1997

“Mocking the System: Mock Trials and Mock Juries.”

The Chronicle, Volume 41, Number 3.May/June 1996

“Successful Judgment Collections in South Carolina.”

National Business Institute. July 26, 1995

## **Blogs**

**[Rogers Townsend Coal Ash Law Blog](#)**

## **Non-published Cases**

[Medical Malpractice](#)

Defense of physician under allegations of improper treatment of patient for suicide

#### Bank Fraud & Environmental Crime

Owner (debtor) created multiple fictitious companies to defraud more than 25 financial institutions throughout the Southeast and Midwest. Plaintiff was sentenced to 73 months for bank fraud and 60 months for storing hazardous wastes without a permit. Represented financial institution pursuing debtor in bankruptcy court.

Freight damage- (Carmack amendment) involved 20 truckloads of machinery and transported to central Mexico from Alabama. Allegations of faulty cargo securing. Allegations of cargo damaged during transport. Depositions across the southeast and Mexico. Multimillion dollar damage claim. Low six-figure settlement. Defended trucking company.

Motor vehicle accident- pedestrian fatality- our driver ran over an elderly gentleman who had eloped from an assisted living facility. He was lying in the middle of the road at about 10 PM. Case settled once it was determined driver was not medically qualified to drive. Defended trucking company.

Motor vehicle accident-injured adverse driver, broken neck-our driver's truck became an operable and was part parallel to the roadway by the side of the road. Motorist pulled out onto the highway from the front of our truck. The injured driver was coming up the highway and did not see the motorist pull out until too late. The collision ensued. Case is still ongoing. Defending disabled truck company, direct assignment.

Motor vehicle accident-lowboy trailer struck astride railroad tracks- handle action regarding lowboy trailer pulled across railroad tracks at a stop sign crossing. The train struck the lowboy in the middle. The trailer was empty. Damage to truck, trailer and train. Amazingly, property damage only. Represented railroad company.

Freight falling damage- Personal injury to dock worker- opened trailer doors and cargo fell on his head, resulting in multiple neck surgeries. Complex relationship to deal with Worker's Comp line and trucking company and shipper/loader. Represented carrier.

Transportation cases -long-term representation of Class I railroad including defense of dozens of FELA claims. Also defense of numerous crossing accidents and trespasser incidents. Scope of injuries range from neck and back surgeries to amputations to paraplegia to multiple fatalities.