

Danny C. Crowe

Danny received his B.A. degree (with a political science major) in 1972 from Duke University and his J.D. degree in 1975 from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November 1975.

After 33 years with the Turner Padgett Graham & Laney firm, Danny started his own two-lawyer firm (Crowe Lafave, LLC) in Columbia in February 2014. His current practice focuses on local government law and mediation, and he is listed in peer-selected The Best Lawyers in America for Municipal Law, Municipal Litigation, and Mediation. He has mediated more than 750 cases since 1991 and has been a certified mediator in State and Federal Court since 1996 and a certified State Court arbitrator since 1997. He was named by The Best Lawyers in America as the Alternative Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year for Columbia for 2011 and 2013. He has served on the South Carolina Bar's Dispute Resolution Section Council since 2007 and was the 2013-2014 Chair of the Council.

Danny was the 2001 President of the South Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association, and served as General Counsel of the Municipal Association of South Carolina from January 2003 through July 2005. He currently serves as Town Attorney for the Town of Saluda and City Attorney for the City of Cayce. From 1983 to 2003, Danny was a substitute Municipal Court Judge for the City of Columbia. Danny also was the 1997 President of the Richland County Bar Association and the first lawyer recipient of the Richland County Bar's Matthew J. Perry Civility Award in 2002.

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Practice Areas

Dispute Resolution (Mediation and Arbitration)
Municipal and Local Government law and litigation
Zoning and land use law
Business license law
General civil litigation

Biography

Danny has practiced law in his native South Carolina since his admission to the Bar in November 1975. He received his B.A. degree (with a political science major) from Duke University in 1972 and his J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1975. Danny was an attorney for the Social Security Administration for his first two years as a lawyer. From 1977 to 1980, he served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Columbia defending the City and its employees in civil litigation and prosecuting criminal and traffic cases in Municipal Court. Danny practiced with the Turner Padgett law firm in Columbia from 1980 to January 2014 with a practice focused on civil litigation, representation of municipalities and counties and their employees, and mediation and arbitration. He also was General Counsel of the Municipal Association of South Carolina from January 2003 to July 2005.

While in private practice, Danny has served as the appointed municipal attorney for six municipalities, including his service since 1997 as the Town Attorney for Saluda and since 1998 as the City Attorney for Cayce. He was a substitute Municipal Court Judge for the City of Columbia for 20 years until 2003. Danny also was the 1997 President of the Richland County Bar Association, the 2001 president of the South Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association, the 2013-2014 Chair of the State Bar's Dispute Resolution Section Council, and the first lawyer recipient of the Richland County Bar's Matthew J. Perry Civility Award in 2002.

Danny is listed in the peer-selected publication The Best Lawyers in America for his practice of municipal law, for his practice of municipal litigation and for his practice as a mediator. He was recognized by that organization as the Alternative Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year for Columbia for 2011 and 2013. He is a certified mediator and arbitrator and has mediated more than 750 cases.

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Bar and Court Admissions

South Carolina Bar, 1975
United States District Court, District of South Carolina, 1977
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, 1978

Education

University of South Carolina, J.D., 1975

Duke University, B.A., 1972

Professional Affiliations

South Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association (President, 2000-2001)

Richland County Bar Association (President, 1997; Executive Committee, 1993-1998)

South Carolina Bar (Government Law Section, Council Member, 2005-2008; Dispute Resolution Section, Council Member, 2007-Present, Chair 2013-2014)

John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court (Master, 2002-Present; Program Committee, 2004-2005)

Speeches/Presentations

"Disruptions in Council Meetings," South Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association, 2009

"Preparing Ordinances and Resolutions," South Carolina Municipal Finance Officers, Clerks and Treasurers Association, 2009

"Short Takes on Timely Topics- Municipal Committees, Business License Issues, Election Requirements," South Carolina Municipal Finance Officers, Clerks and Treasurers Association, 2009

"The Freedom of Information Act and Municipal Committees," South Carolina Municipal Finance Officers, Clerks and Treasurers Association, 2009

"Business License Revocations," South Carolina Business Licensing Officials Association, 2009

"Problem Areas- Religious Activities, Fuel Dealers, Contractors and Subcontractors, Real Estate," South Carolina Business Licensing Officials Association, 2009

"Effective Use of the Municipal Attorney," South Carolina Municipal Clerks Treasurers Institute, 2009

"Update on Statewide Business License Litigation," South Carolina Business Licensing Officials Association, 2008

"Charitable Organizations," South Carolina Business Licensing Officials Association, 2008

"A River Runs Through It: Development of the Three Rivers Greenway," South Carolina Municipal Association, 2008

"Disharmony on Council," South Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association, 2007

"Fee Versus Tax: Avoiding the Conceptual Muddle," South Carolina Bar Government Law Section, 2007

"Selected Materials on Procurement Procedures for Municipalities and Legal Pitfalls of the Bid Process," South Carolina Municipal Clerk Treasurers Institute, 2007

"The Year in Review: Selected Significant South Carolina State and Federal Cases in 2006," South Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association, 2006

"The Law of Zoning and Planning," Municipal Association of South Carolina, 2006

"Disharmony in the Council Chambers: Managing Conflicts and Resolving Disputes," Municipal Association of South Carolina, 2005

Honors

Best Lawyers' Columbia, SC Alternative Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year, 2011 and 2013

Best Lawyers in America, Municipal Law, 2007-2014

Best Lawyers in America, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2008-2014

Best Lawyers in America, Municipal Litigation, 2012-2014

Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™-AV®

South Carolina Supreme Court, Certified Circuit Court Mediator, 1996

United States District Court, District of South Carolina, Certified Mediator, 1996

South Carolina Supreme Court, Certified Circuit Court Arbitrator, 1997
Richland County Bar Association, inaugural Matthew J. Perry Civility Award, 2002

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