

# ELLEN M. ADAMS



Ellen's 28-year career at Collins & Lacy has involved more than 1,000 cases. Chair of the firm's Workers' Compensation Practice Group, Ellen defends self-insured and uninsured employers and workers' compensation insurance carriers and has argued cases to the Full Workers' Compensation Commission, Circuit Court, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. As a certified circuit court mediator, Ellen is known for mediating pre-trial workers' compensation issues. Additionally, Ellen is experienced in general litigation and professional liability and defends medical technicians, nurses, and chiropractors in professional negligence claims involving medical

malpractice.

A native of Cayce, South Carolina, Ellen received her Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. She has been repeatedly named one of the *Best Lawyers in America*®, and her reputation has earned her an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell. *Greater Columbia Business Monthly* named Ellen one of the 2012 Midlands Legal Elite in the area of workers' compensation.

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- South Carolina
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- S.C. Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification, approved Circuit Court Mediator

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers*® (2009-2017)
- Midlands Legal Elite (2012)
- AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

## PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association
- The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- Defense Research Institute
- South Carolina Bar
- Richland County Bar Association
- International Society of Primerus Law Firms

## PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

- "New 2% Net Present Value Rate is Now Effective," *South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law Blog*, June 2014
- "What's Your Dream? Two Perspectives on a Recent S.C. Supreme Court Comp Ruling," *South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law Blog*, October 2012
- "Keeping Your Business Safe: Securing Your Bottom Line by Avoiding Litigation," Workers' Compensation Prevention Measures, South Carolina National Safety Council Seminar, August 2011
- "Back to Basics: A Quick Guide to Workers' Compensation in South Carolina," *South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law Blog*, March 2011

## PRACTICE AREAS

Mediation

Workers' Compensation

## INDUSTRIES

Architecture & Engineering

Healthcare

Hotels & Resorts

Manufacturing

Municipalities

Restaurants & Clubs

Subrogation

Transportation & Trucking

## EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of Law,  
Juris Doctor

Order of the Wig and Robe  
*South Carolina Law Review*

University of South Carolina, B.S. Business  
Administration, Concentration in Marketing  
& Economics

Phi Beta Kappa  
Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity

- *Sanctions, Pleadings, Appeals, and Medical Under the Revised Workers' Comp Act*, SC Bar, September 2007
- *Should I Depose the Doctor and What Should I Ask?*, SC Workers' Compensation Section of the SC Bar, July, 2006
- *Note, Undisclosed Recordings of Conversations by Private Attorneys*, South Carolina Law Review, 1991

#### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- "A Defense Attorney's Process for Settling a Claim," April 7, 2016 *Injured Workers' Advocates Spring Seminar*
- Attorney Ellen Adams to Present at the SC Bar CLE Workers' Compensation Seminar, September 13, 2013, *Current Issues in Workers' Compensation Practice in South Carolina*
- Ellen Adams to Speak at IROPS Conference, November 13, 2009, *The New Nurse Case Management Regulations*