

**John “Jay” L. McDonald**

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**Experience**

**Member**

Clawson and Staubes, LLC, Charleston, SC

*September 1, 1988 - Present*

Certified Mediator in South Carolina. Jay routinely mediates a wide variety of cases, such as personal injury, premises liability, catastrophic injury, and product liability. Jay has tried countless cases to verdict and uses this extensive trial experience in helping parties to resolve their civil disputes.

Jay practices in the area of civil litigation, with a focus on personal injury cases of all types, such as premises liability, trucking, dram shop, and product liability. Jay tries numerous cases each year throughout the State of South Carolina, often achieving favorable verdicts for his clients. Despite being a formidable opponent, attorneys on the opposite side express their enjoyment in working with Jay because of his easygoing nature and sense of fair play.

Jay provides instruction and lectures on litigation topics that include: the use of biomechanical experts in auto accident cases; State v. Council/Daubert issues; summary jury trials as an option to alternative dispute resolution; and evidentiary issues. In 2015, Jay was honored to become a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He has also been named a Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine since 2015.

**Education**

**University of South Carolina**, Juris Doctorate, 1988

**Clemson University**, Bachelor of Science, Industrial Management, 1985

**Professional Associations and Memberships**

South Carolina Bar, United States District Court, District of South Carolina, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Associate, Charleston County Bar Association, Berkeley County Bar Association