



Ned Tupper is a partner with Tupper, Grimsley & Dean, PA, and has practiced law in Beaufort since 1978. After growing up in Montclair, New Jersey, and Southampton, New York, Ned received his undergraduate degree from Newberry College in 1970, served briefly as a probation officer in Suffolk County, New York, and then received his J.D. from the University of South Carolina, in 1974. He served as Dean of Admissions at the University of South Carolina School of Law, from 1974-1976 and as an Attorney/Advisor for the United States Tax Court, in Washington, DC, from 1976-1978. In 1978, he joined the Dowling Law Firm, in Beaufort, at the time one of the largest law firms in South Carolina. He has practiced law in Beaufort ever since.

Ned's work has crossed many spectra, both civil and criminal. He has represented people and businesses great and small in civil matters. Currently, Ned's practice includes the representation of clients in all areas of family law, as well as civil litigation. He is admitted to practice in South Carolina and New York, and is also a much sought after mediator and arbitrator.

Ned has served as a part-time Municipal Court Judge for the City of Beaufort since 1987, and is widely known for bringing a human and sensible touch to that position. Even those not attorneys, defendants, plaintiffs or jurors, have been known to spend an afternoon or evening watching his court. He has been recognized by the The New York Times as "known for dispensing justice in

### **Practice Areas**

Civil Litigation  
Family Law  
Civil Mediation

### **Memberships**

South Carolina Bar  
Beaufort County Bar  
South Carolina Defense Trial  
Attorney's Association  
American Board of Trial Advocates  
Certified Circuit Court Mediator and  
Arbitrator  
Certified Federal Court Mediator

### **Education**

Newberry College  
University of South Carolina School of  
Law

### **Court Admissions**

All South Carolina Courts  
U.S. District Court, District of S.C.  
All New York State Courts  
U.S. Tax Court  
U.S. Supreme Court

cases of minor offenses with a puckish, lighthearted humor.” In 2014, Ned was honored by the City of Beaufort by having his portrait commissioned and hung in his honor, recognizing his time and work in that position. Ned has also served as a Beaufort County Magistrate since 2010 and was appointed by Chief Justice Donald Beatty to serve Multi-Jurisdictional Court Judge.

Ned has been committed to serving the legal profession and local community, and has previously served as a member of the Beaufort County Joint Planning Commission, on the board of Beaufort Jasper Comprehensive Health Services, on the board of the Beaufort County Arts Council, and as an officer in the Beaufort County Bar Association. Currently, Ned serves on the Penn Center Advisory Board. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina Beaufort, and taught undergraduate classes in government, and senior citizen classes on the legal system, through USCB’s Creative Retirement Program.

Ned has been recognized by Super Lawyers as one of the top attorneys in the state of South Carolina. He is also a Past-President of the Charleston Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, an invitation-only organization that requires extensive experience as lead counsel in civil trials, and seeks attorneys who display skill, civility, and integrity.

Read further about Ned in “Judge Ned Tupper: Serving justice in Beaufort for close to 25 years,” *Island News*, October 13, 2011 (<http://www.yourislandnews.com/judge-ned-tupper-serving-justice-in-beaufort-for-close-to-25-years/>); “Judge Tupper – In Search Of Innocence And Guilt,” *Celebrate Hilton Head*, August, 2010 (<http://www.celebratehiltonhead.com/article/1941/judge-tupper-in-search-of-innocence-and-guilt1>); “Preachers Take Shouting Match With City to Court,” *New York Times*, June 14, 1992 (<http://www.nytimes.com/1992/06/14/us/preachers-take-shouting-match-with-city-to-court.html>).