

SAM CLAWSON

Sam devotes 100% of his professional time to mediations and focus groups.

He previously served as the managing member of Clawson and Staubes, LLC from 1983 through 2015. During this time, the firm grew from 4 attorneys in Charleston to almost 40 attorneys in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Charlotte. He was active in the tort defense of individuals, partnerships and corporations. Before devoting full time to ADR, he tried numerous cases each year for a variety of different insurers. He also tried cases on behalf of plaintiffs, both personal injury and medical malpractice.

He was a pioneer in the development of binding summary jury trials. He has lectured frequently on the topic. He has been featured in the national edition of Lawyers Weekly, explaining the summary jury trial procedure in South Carolina. He has made presentations on this innovative method of dispute resolution to the New York Trial Lawyers Association, the California State Bar, and the SC Bar.

Sam has also lectured on a variety of trial advocacy topics in SC and NY, on such topics as Opening Statements, Direct and Cross Examination of Lay Witnesses, Direct and Cross Examination of Expert Witnesses and Closing Arguments.

Sam enjoyed backpacking. He has hiked sections of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. He has hiked in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. In particular, he enjoyed introducing backpacking to his son and daughter.

Sam is active in the field of International Missions and is the former co-chair of that committee at St. Andrew's Church, Mt. Pleasant. He has participated in mission trips to the Dominican Republic (1x), Venezuela (2x), Switzerland (1x), Honduras (1x) and Liberia (10x). He was part of a team that opened, in partnership with St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Monrovia, Liberia, the J. Dwalu Kimber School in Brewerville, Liberia, which serves a community of people who were displaced by the 15 years of civil war that ravaged the country