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A member of the firm's Litigation and Insurance practice groups, Jack has a varied practice representing the interests of independent business entities, individuals, insurance companies and their policyholders.

Jack's practice encompasses civil and criminal litigation; primarily defense, but plaintiff matters as well. Having tried well over 100 cases before juries as "first chair," Jack has a wealth of front-line litigation experience throughout the state and federal courts of South Carolina. Jack began his legal career as an Assistant Solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit (Violent Crime Task Force), before serving with both the Capital Litigation Section (death penalty) and the State Wide Grand Jury Division of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office (multi-county drug and public corruption cases). Accordingly, Jack maintains membership with the Greenville Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (GACDL) and defends select criminal matters, including defense of white collar crime and/or securities allegations. Discretion is always a priority. However, in relation to some criminal matters, Jack has initiated effective §1983 actions to combat government infringement of Constitutional rights by state and municipal officials.

Jack has provided oral argument in nine cases before the South Carolina Supreme Court and at least once in five cases before the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Representative Matters

- Defends trucking companies and their drivers in litigated matters
- Litigated environmental claims on behalf of citizen plaintiffs with regard to at least one significant "toxic tort" (PCB) suit initiated against a multi-state utility. Presently involved in representation of victims of a carbon monoxide event at a hotel in Boone, NC
- Defends nursing homes, home health providers and other medical professionals with regard to medical negligence allegations
- Defends premises liability claims against corporate entities and product liability allegations against various equipment manufacturers
- Seasoned representation encompassing thousands of diverse matters, reflecting the constant pursuit of justice on behalf of his clients

Reported Cases:

- *Hueble v SCDNR and Eric Randall Vaughn*; S.C. Supreme Court; Op. No. 27631 (April 27, 2016)
- *Stringer v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 386 S.C. 188, 687 S.E.2d 58 (Ct. App. En Banc 2009)



- *Underwood v. Copenen* 367 S.C. 214; 625 S.E. 2d 236 (Ct. App. 2006)
- *Dorothy L. Sides and Arthur L. Sides v. Greenville Hospital System, Rodgers Builders Inc. and F.T. Williams Co., Inc.* 362 S.C.250; 607 S.E.2d 362 (Ct. App. 2004)
- *Lydia v. Horton*, 355 S.C. 36, 583 S.E.2d 750 (2003)
- *Lydia v. Horton*, 343 S.C. 376, 540 S.E.2d 102, (Ct. App. 2000)
- *State v. Hammitt*, 341 S.C. 638, 535 S.E.2d 459 (Ct. App. 2000)
- *State v. Vasquez*, 341 S.C. 648, 535 S.E.2d 465 (Ct. App. 2000)
- *State v. Harris*, 342 S.C. 191, 535 S.E.2d 652 (Ct. App. 2000)
- *State V. Avery*, 333 S.C. 284, 509 S.E.2d 476 (1999)
- *State v. Taylor*, 333 S.C. 159, 508 S.E.2d 870 (1999)
- *State v. Collins*, 329 S.C. 23, 495 S.E.2d 202 (1998)
- *State v. Weston*, 329 S.C. 287, 494 S.E.2d 801 (1997)
- *State v. Timmons*, 327 S.C. 48, 488 S.E.2d 323 (1997)

Before Fox Rothschild

Jack was a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined with Fox Rothschild in 2018.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Jack recently completed his second three-year term on the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association; he was Chairman of the 2016 Summer Meeting, Chairman of the 2015 Trial Academy and has assisted in training young attorneys across South Carolina through the Academy several times in past years. Jack previously chaired the Trucking Substantive Law Committee for its initial three years of existence.

Jack is a married father of three and spends his leisure time attending their various athletic endeavors or abusing his own body in age-inappropriate sports and activities (playing basketball, attending his wife Leora's spinning or TRX classes; biking, sprint triathlons, mud runs or similar "races"). Jack's son is a computer engineering major at Clemson and a member of the swim club. His oldest daughter is a biology major at the University of Tennessee and a member of the volunteer track and cross-country teams. Jack's youngest daughter attends Wade Hampton High School, lettering in swimming and as a multiple state finalist for the cross-country team.

Honors & Awards

- Selected by his peers as Greenville *Best Lawyers* Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.), 2012
- Named to "The Best Lawyers in America" list for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants in South Carolina by *Best Lawyers* (2012-2021)
- Rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Recognized among the "Legal Elite" by *Greenville Business Magazine* for Commercial Transportation (2012), Criminal Law (2014-2020) and Insurance Law (2019-2020)
- Greenville's Best and Brightest Under 35, 2002
- Leadership Greenville-Class XXIX

Practice Areas

- Litigation



- Insurance
- White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance
- Transportation & Logistics

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina

Education

- Clemson University (B.S., 1989)
 - Financial Management
- University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., 1992)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar Association
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
- Greenville Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Greenville County Bar Association