

Lawyer Mind/Artist Mind: A Place Where Two Worlds Meet

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Mike is the founding partner of the Ethridge Law Group (ELG), a litigation firm with 7 attorneys and 5 staff who handle coverage and commercial litigation for businesses and insurance companies in Georgia and the Carolinas. Mike founded ELG in 2017, believing that the key to providing quality legal services is the well-being of the attorneys and staff who make up the firm. ELG proudly identifies itself as a lifestyle firm with a primary core value of placing people above profits. ELG is a firm dedicated to regularly giving back to the community, a place where results are valued more than billable hours and where lawyers and staff alike are equally committed to enhancing firm culture. This people-first orientation has been the primary driver of ELG's success over the last 7 years.

Mike is also the founding chair of the South Carolina Bar's Attorney Wellness Committee and is a frequent speaker at bar events and attorney gatherings across the country. Mike has been the recipient of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation's Professional Service Award, the South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Leadership in Law award, the South Carolina Bar's Outstanding Achievement Award, and the American Bar Association's Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award (received on behalf of the South Carolina Wellness Committee). Mike is a former advisory board member for the ABA's Commission on Lawyers Assistance Programs and is currently a member of the South Carolina's Lawyers Helping Lawyers Commission. In 2018 Mike was given special recognition by the South Carolina Supreme Court for his work in the area of attorney well-being.

Mike holds an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell. Since 2014, he has been named as one of the Best Lawyers in America® for Insurance Law, Litigation and Construction, and Mike has been named as a South Carolina Super Lawyer since 2018. Mike is an active member of both the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and the Claims Litigation Management Alliance (CLM). Mike is a CLM Litigation Management Professional and a former member of CLM's National Advisory Board for Construction Claims.

Mike is a graduate of the University of Georgia Law School (1988), the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1985), and Mississippi College (1982).