

# Tech-Savvy Advocacy: Harnessing Technology in Litigation

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

*by order of presentation*

### **Benjamin Gooding**

*Robinson Gray*

*Columbia, SC*

*(Course Planner)*

Ben focuses his practice in the areas of appellate advocacy, professional negligence, and commercial litigation.

As a former appellate law clerk, Ben offers a valuable perspective on briefing and arguing issues before an appellate court. While at Robinson Gray, Ben has written numerous appellate briefs on a variety of legal issues at the state and federal level. He also has experience representing attorneys and law firms in legal malpractice actions in both state and federal courts. Ben's business litigation practice covers a wide variety of business disputes, including banking litigation, legal actions between members of an LLC, commercial landlord/tenant disputes and securities arbitration. Ben's undergraduate studies in business and finance provide him with the necessary background to understand the functions, operations, and complexities of the businesses he represents.

### **Scott Bauries**

*University of South Carolina School of Law*

*Columbia, SC*

Scott R. Bauries joined South Carolina Law as a professor of law in Fall 2022 after serving on the faculty of the University of Kentucky College of Law for fourteen years. His scholarship focuses mostly on judicial decision-making in state and federal constitutional cases.

Prior to academia, Bauries clerked for the Honorable Emmett Ripley Cox of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and served as an associate with McGuireWoods, LLP, where he practiced Labor & Employment Law, Higher Education Law, and Complex Commercial Litigation.

Bauries graduated first in his law school class at the University of Florida, where he was the Senior Galleys Editor of the Florida Law Review. While attending law school, Bauries pursued a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy and taught undergraduates in the University of Florida College of Education. In 2009, he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, *Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers in State Constitutional Litigation Challenging the Adequacy of Education Spending: Complementary Analyses and a Proposed Adjudicatory Model*. Based on

this work, the Education Law Association selected him as the recipient of the Joseph C. Beckham Dissertation of the Year Award for 2009.

Prior to entering legal studies, Bauries taught English and coached soccer for several years at the secondary school level in both public and private schools in central Florida. He also served as a school district grant funds administrator and curriculum staff developer, designing and providing training to in-service teachers and principals in curriculum, assessment techniques, and leadership.

### **Teaching**

Federal Courts (LAWS 659)

Civil Procedure (LAWS 544)

Conflict of Laws (LAWS 763)

State Constitutional Law (LAWS 661)

### **Ernie Svenson**

*Ernie the Attorney*

*New Orleans, LA*

Ernie Svenson practiced law for over twenty years in a New Orleans firm handling specializing in commercial litigation. After discovering (in 2001) how to use technology to create a paperless practice, he started helping fellow lawyers use automation and outsourcing to lower their workloads, reduce overhead, and gain freedom. He's a a twice-published ABA Author, nationally recognized speaker, blogger, and podcaster.

To learn more about Ernie, visit his website: <https://ernietheattorney.net> .

### **Justin S. Kahn**

*Kahn Law Firm, LLP*

*Charleston, SC*

Justin is a civil litigator with Kahn Law Firm, LLP in Charleston, S.C. He handles a variety of cases including professional liability and personal injury. He has written, lectured, and taught throughout the country on advocacy, procedure, evidence, ethics, technology, and persuasion.

He is triple board certified by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys in medical malpractice by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a civil trial advocate and in civil pretrial practice advocacy. Justin is currently president of ABPLA and is on the board of NBTA. He is a diplomate with the National College of Advocacy of the American Association of Justice.

He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and certified by the South Carolina Supreme Court as a civil circuit court mediator.

As an adjunct professor at the Charleston School of Law, Justin teaches civil pretrial practice and deposition skills.

For over 30 years, he has authored the South Carolina Rules Annotated and the South Carolina Rules of Evidence Annotated used by judges and attorneys throughout South Carolina.

He is a member of various professional organizations including the American Association for Justice, South Carolina Association for Justice, South Carolina Bar Association, American Bar

Association, permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, MENSA and the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

He has practiced in state and federal courts throughout the country. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Court of Federal Claims, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina and the South Carolina Supreme Court.

He has argued appellate cases before the South Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, as well as Fourth and Second Circuit Courts of Appeals.