

Wellness Committee: Stop the Madness

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

by order of presentation

Lee Heath

Motley Rice

Mt. Pleasant, SC

(Course Planner)

Lee Heath represents victims who have suffered catastrophic injuries caused by vehicle defects, commercial and industrial equipment, work site injuries, vehicle accidents, medical malpractice as well as victims affected by corporate misconduct and consumer fraud.

Prior to joining Motley Rice, Lee worked on cases related to construction defects at a South Carolina firm. She also contributed to complex environmental litigation, including serving as a law clerk for the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

She worked for several years as a project manager over multi-million dollar accounts for a South Carolina-based chemistry and radiochemistry testing laboratory before pursuing a career in law.

J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law, 2005

M.S., Medical University of South Carolina, 1997

B.S., College of Charleston, 1995

Course Planner for the S.C. Bar Wellness Committee

American Association for Justice

South Carolina Association for Justice

Attorneys Information Exchange Group

South Carolina Women Lawyers Association

Katherine Myers

Burnette Shutt & McDaniel, PA

Columbia, SC

Attorney Katherine Myers graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2013 after graduating from Furman University and C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy in Columbia, SC. She began her legal career as a judicial law clerk for now Chief Justice Donald Beatty with the South Carolina Supreme Court. She knew that she wanted to litigate and landed her first opportunity to try a case in front of jury as an assistant solicitor with the First Judicial Circuit in Orangeburg, SC. After three years of prosecuting domestic violence and dui cases, she opened the Katherine R. Myers Law Firm in

Columbia, SC in order to have more agency over the types of cases she worked. After weathering the storm of COVID and the significant demands of solo practice, she joined the law firm of Burnette Shutt McDaniel where she continues to primarily practice criminal defense and family law.

Attorney Myers enjoys giving back to the community and especially young people and the next generation of lawyers through speaking events, serving as a panel member, coaching mock trial, judging mock trial, hosting virtual workshops and through previous service with the Young Lawyers Division collecting books, reading books to children, and hosting “Color of Justice” events around the State of South Carolina.

Attorney Myers has been honored with the Key to the City, Young Lawyers President’s Award, SC Black Pages Top 20 under 40 and SC Biz News Icons & Phenoms Award this year.

Myers is married to Keeonn Wilson, they have one cat Micah and she enjoys spending time with friends and family, the water, stand-up comedy shows and reading.

William Jordan

*United States Attorney’s Office
Columbia, SC*

Will Jordan is an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of South Carolina and serves as the Chief of the Office’s Civil Division. As Civil Chief, Will oversees the office’s civil litigation and is a senior advisor to the U.S. Attorney on all aspects of the office’s civil enforcement and civil defense policies. Before joining the United States Attorney’s Office in 2019, Will practiced civil defense litigation with a Columbia law firm for approximately twelve years. Upon joining the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Will focused his practice on civil defense litigation. He graduated from Davidson College in 2004 and from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2007. Will has served on the South Carolina Bar’s Lawyers Helping Lawyers Commission.

Paige Chamberlain Ornduff

*Gallivan White Boyd
Charleston, SC*

Paige Chamberlain Ornduff is a litigation attorney practicing in the firm’s Charleston, South Carolina, office. Her practice primarily focuses on design and construction litigation, tort and personal injury defense and commercial transportation. Paige has experience representing general contractors, subcontractors and design professionals in commercial and residential construction-related disputes. In her personal injury defense practice, Paige is regularly retained by insurers, self-insured corporations and third-party risk managers in complex litigation involving tort liability, risk management issues and multiparty cases. Paige also has experience representing commercial transportation companies in South Carolina, advising clients regarding accident investigations, from risk management and preparation to initial scene response, and post-accident litigation.

Before joining the firm, Paige served as law clerk to the Honorable John D. Geathers of the South Carolina Court of Appeals. She also worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Carmen T. Mullen of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of South Carolina. Paige received her undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University and earned her juris doctor from Charleston School of Law. At Charleston law, Paige served as the associate editor in chief for the Charleston law Review and as a research assistant to professor William Janssen, professor Shelia Scheuerman and Dean Brett Barker. She also had the opportunity to extern for the Honorable David C. Norton of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

Paige recognizes the correlation between communication and client satisfaction. She works

tirelessly to ensure her clients are informed and educated throughout the life span of a given dispute and takes great care to understand the needs and expectation of her clients.

Dennis Gillan

Half A Sorrow Foundation

Greenville, SC

Dennis Gillan is a national thought leader on the topic of Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Advocacy. He travels internationally speaking, raising awareness, and reducing the stigma surrounding mental health. Dennis has been deeply touched by suicide after the losses of two of his brothers to suicide 11 years apart. After years of sitting on the sidelines, he jumped into helping those in need by working on the suicide prevention hotline when he lived in Chicago. After moving to South Carolina, Dennis got involved with several non-profits that take on mental health issues and this allows him to lobby lawmakers and raise awareness by sharing his story. Dennis did a TEDx talk on loneliness and recently started his own non-profit called the Half a Sorrow Foundation. You can find out more here: www.halfasorrow.org