

# In the Age of New Media, How Do We Maintain Ethical Standards?

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Jay Berly**

*Butler Snow  
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As a member of Butler Snow's commercial litigation group, Jay concentrates his practice on a variety of civil litigation matters including commercial real estate disputes, insurance coverage litigation, and other complex business matters. A former federal law clerk, Jay is licensed to practice in all South Carolina state courts, as well as the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

### **Julia Bradshaw**

*Gallivan White & Boyd, PA  
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Julia Bradshaw is an associate in the Charleston office of Copeland, Stair, Valz & Lovell. She focuses her practice in the areas of construction litigation, professional liability, premises liability, personal injury defense, and general insurance defense and coverage.

Prior to joining CSVL, Julia practiced at a well-respected South Carolina-based litigation firm, where she gained experience representing individuals, small businesses, and large corporations in a wide array of matters, including construction defect litigation, commercial litigation, insurance coverage, product defect litigation, motor vehicle accidents, and premises liability litigation. Julia also served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Carmen T. Mullen of the 14th Judicial Circuit of South Carolina. Julia received her undergraduate degree from Wofford College and earned her juris doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

### **Emily Bridges**

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Emily Bridges concentrates her practice on business litigation and counseling. She has litigated and negotiated contract disputes, finance-related issues, regulatory actions, minority-shareholder disputes, and other complex commercial issues. She has also litigated and negotiated employment law issues such as discrimination allegations, noncompete provisions, confidentiality agreements, and trade secret concerns. She has experience with insurance coverage as well, including in the context of professional malpractice claims and landlord-tenant disputes. In addition, Emily is a leader within the American Bar Association and the South Carolina community. She serves as an editor of the ABA Business Torts & Unfair Competition Committee's journal and an associate editor of the ABA Forum on Franchising's *Franchise Law Journal*. She also holds leadership roles

within the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division, the Greenville County Bar, and serves on a committee at the Community Foundation of Greenville. Emily received her law degree from the University of South Carolina, where she was the editor-in-chief of the *South Carolina Law Review* and a bronze recipient of the Compleat Lawyer Award for outstanding civic and professional accomplishments. She received her bachelor's degree from Furman University. At Furman, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served as student president of Omicron Delta Kappa.

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**Robert Wilcox**

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Robert M. Wilcox is Dean Emeritus and professor of law at the University of South Carolina School of Law. He served as Dean from 2011-2020 and was a member of the faculty from 1986 until 2022. A Charleston native, he earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University in 1978 and his law degree from University of South Carolina in 1981. He practiced at the firm of Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (now Cooley, LLC) in Washington, D.C., and Atlanta before joining the University of South Carolina Law School faculty. The courses he taught include professional responsibility, property, wills and trusts, and cybersecurity law. From September to December 2022, he served as Interim Executive Director of the South Carolina Bar. From 2003-08, he served as Director of the Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough Center on Professionalism at the School of Law, which is a national leader in research and programmatic work on legal professionalism, access to justice, and lawyer mentoring. He is the former editor of the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal, published by the American Bar Association, and is the former author and co-author of South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct (with Nathan Crystal. He has written numerous articles pertaining to legal ethics and professional responsibility.

Dean Wilcox serves currently on the South Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession. He formerly served on the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the South Carolina Commission on Judicial Conduct and is a former chair of the South Carolina Bar Ethics Advisory Committee. He is a past president of the South Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society. He served also as a member of the American Bar Association Task Force on the Financing of Legal Education in 2014-2015. He has received multiple lifetime distinguished service awards from legal professional organizations including the South Carolina Bar Foundation's DuRant Award for Distinguished Public Service. He is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, given by the Governor of South Carolina for service to the state.

**Joseph Bias**

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Joseph Bias provides advice and counsel to education sector clients on a broad range of issues, including Title VII, Title IX, Clery Act, ADA, FERPA, FMLA, employment law related issues (EEOC & SCHAC complaints), compliance, ethics, risk management, student related legal issues, and other relevant federal and state laws. He has represented clients in hearings, trials, depositions

and mediations. He also has experience representing client in clients in administrative, state and federal courts, as well as internal investigations and evaluations. Joseph has written Title IX policies for colleges and has served as an advisor and hearing officer in Title IX hearings.

In addition to his education based practice, Joseph has experience in insurance defense litigation. He has provided defense in the areas of construction law, premises liability litigation, product liability litigation, automobile accident/UIM cases, employment law, and education law.

Prior to joining the Womble Bond Dickinson, Joseph served as general counsel and special advisor to the president of Midlands Technical College where he provided legal advice and assistance to Midlands Technical College Commission, Executive Council, President, and other college officials on complex legal matters, policy questions, and operational procedures. He also currently serves as a lead adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

### **Vincent Sheheen**

*Savage Royall & Sheheen  
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Vincent A. Sheheen has been practicing law for over fifteen years in a variety of legal areas and across the state of South Carolina. Vincent handles complex business litigation, personal injury claims, employment disputes, workers compensation, and other matters.

Vincent has experience representing both Plaintiffs and Defendants. Vincent graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina School of Law, clerked for U.S. District Judge Joseph F. Anderson, was elected to the House of Representatives in 2000 to fill Seat #52 and elected to the South Carolina Senate in 2004. He served as Prosecutor for the City of Camden and is an active Rotarian. Vincent has received numerous local and state awards and recognitions for his public service.

### **Joel B. Lourie**

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Joel Lourie comes from a background of public service, where he served 18 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives and State Senate. He has been recognized by numerous organizations for his work on healthcare, education, and improving the lives of all South Carolinians, particularly seniors and children. In addition, Joel has a 35-year history as a business owner and founded Lourie Life & Health in 2011. Since that time, Lourie Life & Health has grown to be a regional leader in the Health Insurance and Medicare industry.

Joel is a native of Columbia, a graduate of the public school system and the University of South Carolina. The Louries have been in South Carolina since the early 1900s, where the family-owned and operated a department store for 96 years. Also, Joel's father served in the SC Legislature for 28 years.

Joel enjoys exercising, going to concerts, binge-watching, a good bottle of wine, and some pasta. His favorite band is Queen.