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Elizabeth "Beth" J. Palmer

A native of Hilton Head Island, Beth received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she majored in political science, and earned her J.D. at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Beth's work focuses primarily on business litigation, commercial litigation, employment law, personal injury, education law, and general civil litigation. She holds an AV Preeminent® rating, the highest possible rating, from Martindale-Hubbell® based on legal ability and general ethical standards. She has also been selected to the South Carolina Rising Stars List in business litigation by Super Lawyers for the past four years. In 2015, Beth received the "Young Lawyer of the Year" award by the South Carolina Bar Association.

Beth takes great pride in her activities outside of her practice and devotes a great deal of time to professional and community organizations. She has been a leader of the Young Lawyer Division (YLD) of both the American Bar Association and the S.C. Bar Association for numerous years. She currently serves as the ABA YLD's Public Service Project Coordinator, charged with overseeing the implementation of this

year's national public service project, World Wise Web: Protecting Our Youth from Internet Predators, which is designed to educate youth about safe online behavior. In her previous role as the ABA YLD's Public Service Director, she was primarily responsible for the creation and implementation of <u>Project Street Youth: Young Lawyers Advocating for Homeless Youth</u>, which organizes legal clinics and supply drives for homeless and transitional youth. In previous years, Beth was involved with the development of <u>Bullyproof</u>, an anti-bullying initiative that is still active and being presented throughout the country, as well as American Voter, a project designed to educate high school seniors about the history of the right to vote and inspire them to exercise that right.

Beth was drawn to the practice of law because of the opportunities it offers for perpetual learning and public service, both in and out of the courtroom. Her ability to tackle complex issues and lead others through stressful situations makes her well-suited for both her legal practice and for making a difference in the community.

Areas of Practice

- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Administrative and Government Law
- Securities Litigation
- Education Law
- Employment Law
- Personal Injury

Admitted to Practice

- South Carolina, 2005
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, 2006
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2011

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - o Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, 2015-2016
 - Young Lawyers Division
 - Coordinator, Public Service Project, 2015-2016
 - Director, Public Service, 2014-2015
 - Co-Coordinator, Public Service Project, 2013-2014
 - Chair, Public Education Committee, 2011-2012, 2012-2013
 - Law Practice Division

- Chair, Young Lawyers Committee
- Vice-Chair, Pro Bono Committee
- Member, Member Development Committee
- Member, LeadLaw Committee
- Fellow, 2014-2015
- Litigation Section
 - Young Advocates Committee
 - Commercial and Business Litigation Committee
- South Carolina Bar
 - o Bar Convention Committee, 2012 present
 - Young Lawyers Division, 2005-Present
 - Co-Chair, Public Service Committee, 2014-2015, 2015-2016
 - Co-Chair, Young Lawyers Division Bar Convention Committee, 2011-2012; 2013-2014
 - Chair, Young Lawyers Division Bar Convention Committee, 2012-2013
 - Member, Bar Convention Committee, 2009-2011
 - Member, Voices Against Violence Committee, 2009-2010
 - Member, Leadership Academy Steering Committee, 2014-2015, 2015-2016
- Charleston County Bar Association
- James L. Petigru American Inn of Court

Distinctions

- AV Preeminent® rating, Martindale-Hubbell
- Leadership in Law Award, South Carolina Lawyers Weekly, 2016
- Young Lawyer of the Year, S.C. Bar Young Lawyers Division, 2014-2015
- Star of the Year, ABA Young Lawyers Division, 2013-2014, 2014-2015
- President's Award, S.C. Bar Young Lawyers Division, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015
- Star of the Quarter, S.C. Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, 2011-2012 (3rd Quarter), 2012-2013 (2nd & 3rd Quarter), 2013-2014 (3rd Quarter); 2014-2015 (3rd Quarter)
- ABA Award of Achievement, 2nd place, Service to the Bar, 2011-2012

- Graduate, Leadership Charleston, 2009-2010
- Graduate, S.C. Bar Leadership Academy, 2010-2011
- ABA Young Lawyers Division Star of the Quarter, 1st Quarter, 2012-2013
- Selected to the South Carolina Rising Stars list, Business Litigation, 2013-2016*

Community

- Volunteer, Venue Committee, <u>TEDx Charleston</u>, 2013
- Volunteer, <u>Special Olympics of South Carolina</u>
- Volunteer, Ask-A-Lawyer Program
- Volunteer, Charleston Homeless Court Initiative

Education

- University of North Carolina (B.A., 1998)
- University of South Carolina (J.D., 2005)



