



## **Matthew E. Cox**

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**MATTHEW E. COX** is a Partner in the Charlotte, North Carolina office of Smith, Currie and Hancock LLP. He received a B.S. in Statistics, with a minor in business, from Brigham Young University in 1996 and his J.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1999.

While at Brigham Young University, Mr. Cox was inducted into Mu Sigma Rho, the Statistical National Honor Society. While at the University of South Carolina, Mr. Cox won the South Carolina Trial

Lawyer's Association's Mock Trial Competition and represented the University of South Carolina at the Regional Competition held at Athens, Georgia in 1999.

Although born in Radford, Virginia, Mr. Cox grew up in Roanoke, Virginia. From 1991 to 1993, he lived in the Netherlands serving a mission for his church and still speaks proficient Dutch. He is married with three children. He and his family reside in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He served on the City of Tega Cay's Public Works Committee from July 2006 through December 2007.

Mr. Cox was admitted to practice in the State of South Carolina November 15, 1999. Thereafter, he clerked for the Honorable J. Derham Cole, resident judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit in Spartanburg, South Carolina from 1999-2000. He entered private practice in 2000, with the law firm Gibbes Burton, LLC, then located in Greenville, South Carolina where he got his start in construction law. In 2001, Mr. Cox joined the law firm of Johnson, Smith, Hibbard & Wildman, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he continued to concentrate his practice in litigation and construction law.

Mr. Cox joined the Charlotte office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP on September 1, 2005. He sat for the February, 2006 North Carolina bar and was admitted to practice in the State of North Carolina on March 25, 2006. He has tried numerous cases in the State and Federal Courts and has presented oral arguments before the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, in Richmond, Virginia, as well as the South Carolina Court of Appeals, in Columbia, South Carolina.

In addition to his courtroom experience, over the years, he has taught numerous seminars. Some of the more recent seminars taught have been: Consensus Docs, 2008 (for CAGC in Charleston, Columbia & Greenville, SC); South Carolina Federal Procurement Expo, 2007 (West Columbia, SC), AIA Contract Documents, 2006 & 2007 (Charlotte, North Carolina); Change Orders 2005 (Greenville, South Carolina); Judgment Enforcement in South Carolina, 2005 (Columbia, South Carolina); and Construction Lien Law, 2004 (Greenville, South Carolina).

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### **Areas of Practice**

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- Construction Law
- Business Law
- Civil Litigation

### **Education**

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- Brigham Young University (B.S., Major in Statistics, Minor in Business, 1996)
- University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., 1999)

### **Bar and Court Admissions**

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- South Carolina, 1999
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, 2000
- U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, 2004
- North Carolina, 2006
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 2006
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 2007

### **Memberships**

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- South Carolina Bar Association, 1999 - Present
- American Bar Association, 2000 - Present
- North Carolina Bar Association, 2006 - Present



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## Classes & Seminars Taught

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- Consensus Docs (South Carolina), Carolinas AGC, 2008
- South Carolina Federal Procurement Expo (South Carolina), 2007
- Practical Construction Documentation (North Carolina), Carolinas AGC, 2007
- 2007 SCH Carolinas Update Conference (North Carolina), Carolinas AGC, 2007
- Congressional Federal Procurement Expo (South Carolina), 2007
- AIA Contract Documents (North Carolina), 2006 & 2007
- Change Orders (South Carolina), Lorman Education Systems, 2005
- Judgment Enforcement in South Carolina (South Carolina), Lorman Education Systems, 2005
- Construction Lien Law (South Carolina), Lorman Education Systems, 2004

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## Noteworthy

- Languages: Dutch

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## Other Experience

- South Carolina Department of Insurance, Assistant General Counsel, 1999
- Honorable J. Derham Cole, Law Clerk, 1999 - 2000
- Gibbes Burton, Associate, 2000 - 2001
- Johnson, Smith Hibbard & Wildman, Associate, 2001 - 2005
- Johnson, Smith Hibbard & Wildman, Partner, 2005