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Charles Carpenter’s practice focuses on the areas of appellate law, commercial litigation, governmental liability defense, hospital/healthcare law, and insurance defense. He earned his B.A. from Furman University, J.D. from University of Virginia, and M.P.A. from University of South Carolina. He is president (2007) and member of the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a member of SC Bar, and a member of Richland County Bar Association, among others. He is a certified mediator and a shareholder of Richardson Plowden.

Frank Mack focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation in the areas of construction, contract disputes, fidelity and surety law, and insurance defense matters. He also is a certified arbitrator. He is the managing shareholder for Richardson Plowden in the Columbia office. He is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Bar, Richland County Bar Association, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Frank Robinson’s practice is focused on business and commercial litigation and real estate. He earned his B.S. and J.D. from University of South Carolina. He is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Bar, and Richland County Bar Association. Robinson is a shareholder of Richardson Plowden.

Franklin Smith’s practice focuses on construction law, federal contract law, fidelity/surety law, insurance defense, and professional malpractice. Smith also is a certified mediator and arbitrator. A shareholder of the Firm, he is a member of Richland County Bar Association, Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Division of the Forum on the Construction Industry, American Bar Association, and the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association, among others.

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