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Celeste Jones has tried numerous civil and white collar cases and has more than 30 years in practice. Her practice focuses on business litigation, healthcare-related cases and commercial claims including class actions and regulated industries. She has an extensive healthcare practice representing parties in compliance, reimbursement and licensing matters, as well as medical products liability and catastrophic injuries.

Celeste is likewise experienced in antitrust litigation, labor, banking and lending cases. She has tried to verdict white collar criminal cases involving tax crimes, healthcare fraud, bank fraud, interstate gambling and RICO. She regularly advises healthcare providers concerning compliance, oversight and regulatory matters.

She is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and the Judicial Conference of the Fourth Circuit. Both of these organizations admit members based upon nomination from members of the bar and the federal judiciary.

Celeste's dedication to her profession and service to her community are indicated by her civic and professional involvement. Celeste has for more than ten years been ranked amongst the country's top lawyers by *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America* and *South Carolina Super Lawyers* for her achievements in the legal profession in the practice areas of Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Health Care Law and Litigation – Antitrust.

### Experience

- **US Foodservice Inc Pricing Litigation** In re: US Foodservice Inc Pricing Litigation, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, MDL: Case No. 3:07-md-01894
- **Marion Nursing Center, Inc. v. Sebelius** Marion Nursing Center, Inc. v. Sebelius, Slip Copy, 2013 WL 6019322, D.S.C., November 13,

### PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Legal Practice Assistant

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### CAPABILITIES

Class Action

Health Care

Manufacturing

Commercial Litigation

White Collar Crime

PPP and CARES Act Audit,  
Investigations, & Defense

### EDUCATION

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

B.A., Clemson University

### LICENSED IN

South Carolina

### ADMITTED IN

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth  
Circuit

U.S. District Court - South Carolina

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2013 (NO. 4:13-CV-2953-MGL); Marion Nursing Center, Inc. v. Sebelius, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, Florence Div., No. 4:13-cv-02953-RBH. Temporary Restraining Order issued November 1, 2013. Notice of Dismissal filed December 17, 2013. Nursing home decertification by US Department of Health and Human Services upon state inspections.

- **Baugh v. Bayer Corp.** Baugh v. Bayer Corp., 2012 WL 4069582, D.S.C., September 17, 2012 (NO. 4:11-CV-525-RBH) Mirena device MDL cases in South Carolina against Bayer Corporation.
- **Weston v. Kim's Dollar Store** Weston v. Kim's Dollar Store, 399 S.C. 303, 731 S.E.2d 864, 2012 WL 3205150, S.C., August 08, 2012 (NO. 27155); Weston v. Kim's Dollar Store, 385 S.C. 520, 684 S.E.2d 769, 2009 WL 2136707, S.C.App., July 15, 2009 (NO. 4592) Products liability action regarding class medical device.
- **Robertson v. Sea Pines Real Estate Companies, Inc.** Robertson v. Sea Pines Real Estate Companies, Inc., 679 F.3d 278, 2012 WL 1672487, C.A.4 (S.C.), May 14, 2012.
- **Estate of Gill ex rel. Grant v. Clemson University Foundation** Estate of Gill ex rel. Grant v. Clemson University Foundation, 397 S.C. 419, 725 S.E.2d 516, 2012 WL 720378, 279 Ed. Law Rep. 1230, S.C.App., March 07, 2012 (NO. 4951).
- **Elmore v. Bender Corp.** Elmore v. Bender Corp., Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2011 WL 4640913, D.S.C., October 06, 2011 (NO. CIV.A. 5:10-3287-MBS).
- **Doe v. New Leaf Academy of North Carolina LLC** Doe v. New Leaf Academy of North Carolina LLC, 2011 WL 4434051, D.S.C., September 22, 2011 (NO. 8:10-CV-02365-JMC) Personal injury of minor.
- **Bowen v. Houser** Bowen v. Houser, 2012 WL 2873873, D.S.C., July 13, 2012 (NO. CIV.A. 3:12-173-MBS); Bowen v. Houser, WL 380455, D.S.C., February 03, 2011 (NO. CA 3:10-02398-MBS) Stockholder derivative action against Bank Meridian Board of Directors following bank failure.
- **Butler v. Neumag** Butler v. Neumag, Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2009 WL 2579451, D.S.C., August 18, 2009 (NO. C.A. 8:09-133-HMH).
- **Home Medical Systems, Inc. v. South Carolina Dept. of Revenue** Home Medical Systems, Inc. v. South Carolina Dept. of Revenue, 382 S.C. 556, 677 S.E.2d 582, 2009 WL 1037590, S.C., April 20, 2009 (NO. 26638) Challenge to state tax of durable medical equipment.
- **Byerson v. Equifax Information Services, LLC** Byerson v. Equifax Information Services, LLC, Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2009 WL 82497, D.S.C., January 09, 2009 (NO. 6:07-CV-00005-GRA).
- **In re Hospital Pricing Litigation, King v. AnMed Health** In re: Hospital Pricing Litigation, King v. AnMed Health, 377 S.C. 48, 659 S.E.2d 131, 2008 WL 649129, S.C., March 10, 2008 (NO. 26457) Class action of uninsured patients against multiple hospitals in South Carolina alleging excessive charges.
- **Harris v. Equifax Information Services, LLC** Harris v. Equifax Information Services, LLC, Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2007 WL 1862826, D.S.C., June 26, 2007 (NO. C A 606CV-01810-GRA).
- **Marcum v. Bowden** Marcum v. Bowden, 372 S.C. 452, 643 S.E.2d 85, 2007 WL 415672, S.C., February 05, 2007 (NO. 26259) DRAM shop action against employer.
- **Shah v. Palmetto Health Alliance** Shah v. Palmetto Health Alliance, Not Reported in F.Supp.2d, 2006 WL 3230755, D.S.C., November 06, 2006 (NO. C A 306-2283-CMC).

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- **Slachta v. Reliance Standard Life Ins. Co.** Slachta v. Reliance Standard Life Ins. Co., 444 F.Supp.2d 587, 2006 WL 1879005, D.S.C., July 06, 2006 (NO. 9:03-3130-23); Slachta v. Reliance Standard Life Ins. Co., 444 F.Supp.2d 544, 2006 WL 2389690, D.S.C., May 17, 2006 (NO. 9:03-3130-23)
- **Angus v. Burroughs & Chapin Co.** Angus v. Burroughs & Chapin Co., 368 S.C. 167, 628 S.E.2d 261, 2006 WL 696690, S.C., March 20, 2006 (NO. 26127) Slander and conspiracy claims against local elected officials, newspaper and private company.
- **Island Packet v. Kittrell** Island Packet v. Kittrell, 365 S.C. 332, 617 S.E.2d 730, 2005 WL 1868783, S.C., August 08, 2005 (NO. 26021)
- **Welchlin v. Tenet Healthcare Corp.** Welchlin v. Tenet Healthcare Corp., 366 F.Supp.2d 338, 2005 WL 954990, 2005-1 Trade Cases P 74,850, D.S.C., April 19, 2005 (NO. 9:03316223)
- **Burnside v. Matthews** Burnside v. Matthews, Not Reported in S.E.2d, 2005 WL 7083480, S.C.App., February 24, 2005 (NO. 2005-UP-136)
- **Will Ray O'Neal v. International Paper Company and Warren Caldwell** Will Ray O'Neal v. International Paper Company and Warren Caldwell, Case No. 2004-CP-40-889
- **Jacobsen v. American Agviation, Inc.** Jacobsen v. American Agviation, Inc., Not Reported in S.E.2d, 2004 WL 6331787, S.C.App., June 30, 2004 (NO. 2004-UP-424)
- **In re Baycol** In re Baycol, 2003 WL 24232803, D.Minn., December 15, 2003 (NO. MDL NO. 1431 (MJD), CIV. 03-2204 (MJD)); In re Baycol Products Litigation, 2003 WL 21223842, D.Minn., May 27, 2003 (NO. MDL 1431 (MJD), 02-4835). South Carolina counsel for all Baycol actions filed in state court and MDL associate counsel for cases filed in US District Court, District of South Carolina.
- **Coastal Rehabilitation Services, P.A. v. Cooper** Coastal Rehabilitation Services, P.A. v. Cooper, 255 F. Supp.2d 556, 2003 WL 1797924, D.S.C., March 31, 2003 (NO. C/A 2:02-4081-18).
- **U.S., ex rel. Abbott-Burdick v. University Medical Associates** U.S., ex rel. Abbott-Burdick v. University Medical Associates, 2002 WL 34236885, D.S.C., May 23, 2002 (NO. 2:96-1676-12) False Claims Act and Qui Tam Action and retaliation regarding teaching hospital supervision.
- **In re Integrated Health Services, Inc.** In re Integrated Health Services, Inc., 275 B.R. 199, 2001 WL 1804193, 37 Bankr.Ct.Dec. 39, Withdrawn for N.R.S. bound volume, Bkrcty.D.Del., January 05, 2001 (NO. 00-00389, 00-1145-MFW); In re Integrated Health Services, Inc., 258 B.R. 96, 2000 WL 33141513, Bkrcty.D. Del., November 09, 2000 (NO. 00-1145 MFW, 00-389 MFW, 00-826 MFW)
- **Bryant v. Food Lion Inc.** Bryant v. Food Lion Inc., 100 F.Supp.2d 346, 2000 WL 744566, D.S.C., May 26, 2000 (NO. CIV.A. 2:90-0505-11).
- **Floyd v. Floyd** Floyd v. Floyd, 198 F.3d 237, 1999 WL 812315, Unpublished Disposition, C.A.4 (S.C.), October 12, 1999 (NO. 97-2686, 98-1382, 98-1429, 97-2748) Minority stockholder derivative action.
- **Futch v. McAllister Towing of Georgetown, Inc.** Futch v. McAllister Towing of Georgetown, Inc., 335 S.C. 598, 518 S.E.2d 591, 1999 WL 551341, 139 Lab.Cas. P 58,703, S.C., July 26, 1999 (NO. 24976); Futch v. McAllister Towing of Georgetown, Inc., 328 S.C. 312, 491 S.E.2d 577, 1997 WL 437169, 4 Wage & Hour Cas.2d (BNA) 79, S.C.App., July 21, 1997 (NO. 2697) Employment dispute concerning unpaid wages and allegations of improper competition by employer.
- **U.S. v. Suba** U.S. v. Suba, 132 F.3d 662, 1998 WL 5584, Med & Med GD (CCH) P 45,974, 11 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 965, C.A.11 (Ga.), January 09, 1998 (NO. 95-9408) Criminal healthcare fraud prosecution involving

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home health company.

- **U.S. v. Ward** U.S. v. Ward, 808 F.Supp. 803, 1992 WL 354228, S.D.Ga., September 15, 1992 (NO. CR192-049).
- **Georgetown Mfg. and Warehouse Co. v. South Carolina Dept. of Agriculture by Tindal** Georgetown Mfg. and Warehouse Co. v. South Carolina Dept. of Agriculture by Tindal, 301 S.C. 514, 392 S.E.2d 801, 1990 WL 78070, S.C.App., April 02, 1990 (NO. 1480).
- **Tall Tower, Inc. v. South Carolina Procurement Review Panel** Tall Tower, Inc. v. South Carolina Procurement Review Panel, 294 S.C. 225, 363 S.E.2d 683, 1987 WL 34382, S.C., November 30, 1987 (NO. 22810).
- **Purdie v. Smalls** Purdie v. Smalls, 293 S.C. 216, 359 S.E.2d 306, S.C.App., August 10, 1987 (NO. 1013).
- **Lebovitz v. Mudd** Lebovitz v. Mudd, 293 S.C. 49, 358 S.E.2d 698, S.C., June 22, 1987 (NO. 22741).
- **Mohasco Corp., Dixiana Mill Div. v. Rising** Mohasco Corp., Dixiana Mill Div. v. Rising, 292 S.C. 489, 357 S.E.2d 456, S.C., June 08, 1987 (NO. 22737).
- **Hinson-Barr, Inc. v. Pinckard** Hinson-Barr, Inc. v. Pinckard, 292 S.C. 267, 356 S.E.2d 115, 4 UCC Rep. Serv.2d 36, S.C., May 04, 1987 (NO. 22717).
- **Arnold v. South Carolina Public Service Authority** Arnold v. South Carolina Public Service Authority, 292 S.C. 396, 356 S.E.2d 837, S.C., April 27, 1987 (NO. 22711) Complex public condemnation proceeding.
- **South Carolina Public Service Authority v. Arnold** South Carolina Public Service Authority v. Arnold, 287 S.C. 584, 340 S.E.2d 535, S.C., February 05, 1986 (NO. 22466).
- **SCPH Legacy Corporation v. Palmetto Health, et al.**
- **SCPH Legacy Corporation v. Palmetto Health, et al.**, 724 Fed.Appx. 275 (4th Cir., 2018), 2017 WL 1437329, D.S.C.

## Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation since 2006, Criminal Defense: White-Collar since 2009, Health Care Law since 2005, Litigation - Antitrust since 2011, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants since 2020
- Named, *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial (2005-2023) and Healthcare (2021-2023)
- *South Carolina Super Lawyers*, Health Care (2008-2023)
- "Legal Elite", *Columbia Business Monthly*, Business Litigation (2020)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Lawyer of the Year," Health Care Law, Columbia, SC (2016); "Lawyer of the Year," Criminal Defense, Columbia, SC (2019)
- Honoree, 2019 Women of Influence, *Columbia Regional Business Report*
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating

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## News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"  
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- 61 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Chambers USA  
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- Seven Burr & Forman Attorneys Named 2023 South Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
Firm News, 04.28.2023
- 63 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Chambers USA  
Firm News, 06.03.2022
- Ten Burr & Forman Attorneys Named 2022 South Carolina Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
Firm News, 05.03.2022

## Civic Activities

- South Carolina Ovarian Cancer Foundation, SCOCF, Riverbanks Region, Board Member

## Professional Activities

- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference
- American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- American Bar Association, Litigation, Health Care, and Criminal Law Sections
- Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston, SC), Board of Visitors
- South Carolina Bar, Memory Hold the Door Section