

Michael R. Burchstead

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Michael is a Partner in the firm's General Commercial Litigation practice group. His experience includes representation of governmental entities, candidates for elective office, political committees, and individuals and businesses with regulatory compliance matters, investigations, and audits.

Michael is an experienced litigator who has represented individuals and businesses before the state and federal courts of South Carolina and administrative tribunals. He also has a diverse background, which includes experience in the areas of government ethics, political campaign finance law, lobbying compliance, election law, and health care.

As former General Counsel for the South Carolina State Ethics Commission, Michael prosecuted enforcement matters alleging violations of the South Carolina Ethics Act, provided advisory opinions to individuals and entities subject to the Ethics Act, and served as legal counsel to the Commission itself. Previous to that position, Michael served as an Assistant Attorney General for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, prosecuting health care fraud. Since leaving government service for the private sector, Michael has focused much of his practice on representation of governmental entities, candidates for elective office, political committees, and other individuals or entities in enforcement actions under the Ethics Act and providing compliance advice to those seeking to avoid an enforcement action. Michael's experience also includes advising governmental entities on investigations and audits and representing candidates for office in both election protests and litigation.

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CAPABILITIES

Government Relations
Administrative & Regulatory
Professional Liability
Commercial Litigation
White Collar Crime
Health Care
Government Investigations
Long Term Care
Procurement

EDUCATION

J.D., University of South Carolina
School of Law
B.A., College of Charleston

LICENSED IN

South Carolina

Michael R. Burchstead

Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation (2024)

News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Burr & Forman Names Six New Partners Across Five Offices
Firm News, 12.22.2022
- Burr & Forman Expands Commercial Litigation Practice with the Addition of Michael Burchstead
Firm News, 05.26.2021

Professional Activities

- South Carolina Bar Association, Government Law Section, Council Member
- South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association

ADMITTED IN

South Carolina State Courts

U.S. District Court - South Carolina

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit