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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Practice areas

Alternative dispute resolution
Appellate practice
Civil litigation
Construction law
Healthcare law
Insurance coverage
Mediations
Medical malpractice defense
Nursing home defense
Premises liability
Products liability
Professional liability defense
Trucking and transportation defense

Professional memberships

South Carolina Bar
Federal Bar Association
Charleston County Bar Association
Charleston Lawyers Club

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Commerce
Washington and Lee University
Juris Doctor
University of South Carolina School of Law

Court admissions

All South Carolina Courts
United States District Court for the District of South Carolina

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Justin Novak focuses his practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation, zoning and land use litigation, municipal law matters, self-service storage facility law, and appellate matters. His clients include businesses such as restaurants, retail establishments, insurance agencies, land developers, law firms, and self-service storage facilities, property owners, including property owners' associations and individuals, and professionals such as lawyers, insurance agents, and real estate professionals.

Mr. Novak offers his clients extensive experience in a state-wide risk advisory, civil litigation, and dispute resolution practice. He provides both prospective advice and counsel regarding general legal concerns and proactive defense counsel for imminent or active litigation. He also has experience facilitating the early resolution of potential claims.

Certified as a mediator by the South Carolina Supreme Court Arbitrator and Mediator Certification Board, Mr. Novak also helps facilitate the negotiated resolution of disputes in order to avoid the time, resources, and expenses associated with litigation.

Mr. Novak earned his Juris Doctor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he served as an Articles Editor on the South Carolina Law Review, a Member of the South Carolina Moot Court Bar, and a Member of the John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Commerce from Washington and Lee University.

The 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers of America lists Justin Novak in Ones to Watch in the areas of alternative dispute resolution, commercial litigation, construction law, and professional malpractice law. He holds a Martindale-Hubbell Preeminent rating, (the highest, formerly referred to as AV), and has previously served as an adjunct professor at the Charleston School of Law, teaching Legal Research, Analysis and Writing.

A consistent presenter at continuing education seminars for attorneys, Mr. Novak often addresses topics such as complex discovery, evidentiary matters, and troubleshooting legal issues.

When he is not in the office, courtroom, or classroom, you may find him traveling with his wife, son, and daughter, on the golf course, or enjoying the outdoors. He currently serves his community as a Member and Mayor Pro Tem of the Sullivan's Island Town Council.

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