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RELATED SERVICES

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OVERVIEW

Arden Lowndes is a Partner in the Charleston office of GRSM. She is an experienced litigator who is able to creatively and successfully work toward the best resolution for her clients both in and out of the courtroom. Over her many years of practice, Arden has litigated a broad spectrum of cases in state and federal courts for individuals, small businesses, and large international corporations in matters big and small. Her representative experience includes a wide variety of practice areas, including commercial litigation, admiralty, probate, insurance coverage, product defects, motor vehicle accidents, and premises liability. Now, she largely focuses on representing construction and related design professionals as part of the Construction, Commercial Litigation, and Professional Liability practice groups.

A Charleston native, Arden graduated *summa cum laude* from Clemson University and was tapped to

join Phi Beta Kappa. She later graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of South Carolina School of Law. During law school, she served as Managing Editor of Volume 68 of the *South Carolina Law Review* and received numerous academic awards and honors, including membership in the Order of the Wig and Robe and Order of the Coif.

She currently serves as President-Elect of the Porter-Gaud Alumni Association Board, chairing numerous committees. She enjoys being involved in her community, whether as a mentor to students, supporting local charities, and engaging in important community and belonging work. Outside of the office, Arden enjoys reading and spending time with her husband and their three young children. She can also be found cheering on the Clemson Tigers and Everton Football Club.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Representative Experience

- Obtained summary judgment for a subcontractor client in a construction defect action just weeks before trial, on the grounds that the Plaintiff's claims were time-barred by the 13-year statute of repose. Successfully argued that there was no admissible evidence of gross negligence in the record after four years of discovery. Consequently, the gross negligence exception to the statute of repose was deemed unavailable to the Plaintiff, despite the Plaintiff's efforts to create a material issue of fact with a last-minute affidavit from its expert, who opined that the contractor had been grossly negligent.
- Obtained a critical dismissal of claims against the firm's client, a custom residential builder in South Carolina. (February 2024)

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- South Carolina

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of South Carolina, 2017
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, Clemson University, 2011