

# Meliah Bowers Jefferson, MEMBER

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Meliah works primarily in the area of trial and appellate litigation, with an emphasis on complex civil litigation and intellectual property law. Her varied experience includes representing plaintiffs and defendants in cases involving corporate governance, commercial law, election law, governmental authority, and disputes over intellectual property -- such as trademark, copyright, patents, and trade secrets. She also assists clients in general corporate matters and advises clients on assessing intellectual property issues associated with corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. She has served as law clerk to The Honorable Jean H. Toal, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina and to The Honorable J. Michelle Childs, United States District Judge. Meliah is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of South Carolina Moore School of Business, where she double majored in marketing and finance. She also earned her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she served on the Editorial Board of the ABA Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal and as President of the Black Law Students Association.



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## PRACTICE AREAS

- **Intellectual Property**
- **Litigation**
- **Architectural Works Copyright Infringement Litigation**
- **First Amendment**
- **Media and Communications**

- **Big Case Litigation**
  - **Novel Questions of Law**
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## **EDUCATION**

- 2005, J.D.**                    **University of South Carolina School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, Editorial Board of the ABA Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal**
- 2002, B.S.**                    **University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business, *magna cum laude*, National Merit Scholarship Finalist**
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## **REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

**Meliah's recent experience includes:**

- **Obtaining favorable settlements of computer software copyright infringement and architectural work copyright infringement claims**
  - **Prosecuting and defending breach of contract and related claims in state and federal court**
  - **Prosecuting and defending insurance coverage disputes and related claims in state and federal court**
  - **Prosecuting and defending personal injury claims in state and federal court**
  - **Assisting clients in multi-million dollar debt-restructuring transactions and corporate acquisitions**
  - **Assisting clients with general matters including entity formation, contract negotiation, and corporate governance**
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## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

- 2013-Present Wyche, P.A.**
- 2010-13            Law Clerk, Hon. J. Michelle Childs, United States District Court**
- 2007-10            Wyche, P.A.**
- 2005-07            Law Clerk, Hon. Jean H. Toal, Supreme Court of South Carolina**
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## **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- **South Carolina Bar, 2005**
  - **United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 2007**
  - **United States Supreme Court, 2014**
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## **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES`**

- **Liberty Fellow**
- **American Heart Association national spokesperson**
- **South Carolina Women Lawyers Association**
- **South Carolina Black Lawyers Association**
- **Donald James Sampson Bar Association**
- **South Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession, Law School Professionalism Committee**
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia, Mentor, 2006-2007**

- United Way of Greenville, Legal Division Co-Chair, 2010
- Urban League of the Upstate Young Professionals, Member, 2007-2012
- Friends of the Greenville Zoo, Board Member, 2008-2013
- SC Bar House of Delegates, 2013-Present
- SC Bar Board of Governors, 2015

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## **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- Presenter, "Appellate Practice Project," Greenville Bar Association Annual CLE, February 2015
- Panelist, "Diversity and Inclusiveness: Right Strategy, Right Now," S.C. Bar Convention, January 2015
- Panelist, "So You Want to Be A Lawyer and A Mom," SCWLA-Greenville Region, June 2014
- Presenter, "Pre-Trial Motions Practice," Greenville Bar Association Annual CLE, February 2014
- Panelist, Furman University Constitution Day: Voting Rights Act, September 2013
- Author, "Supreme Court Implements New Business Court Pilot Program", *G-Bar News*, September 2007

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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2015	Selected by the American Heart Association as a national spokesperson
2015	National Bar Association 40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates Award
2015 - Present	Named a "Rising Star" by South Carolina <i>Super Lawyers</i>
2014	<i>Greenville Business Magazine</i> Best and Brightest Under 35
2012-2013	SC Bar Association Leadership Academy
2012	Leadership Greenville, Class 38
2009	Furman Connections Women's Leadership Program

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