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Lesley Firestone's environmental law practice includes assisting clients in the purchase or sale of contaminated properties, permitting, compliance counseling, and the resolution or avoidance of environmental enforcement issues.

Lesley's litigation practice includes bringing and defending challenges to permitting decisions in front of government agencies and the S.C. Administrative Law Court. She has also handled appeals before the S.C. Court of Appeals.

Lesley has represented clients before the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control on issues ranging from Brownfield Agreements (Non Responsible Party Voluntary Clean Up Contracts), underground storage tanks, coastal zone dock permitting, solid waste landfill regulations, NPDES permits, and hazardous waste regulations. She has also represented clients on wetlands issues before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the S.C. Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and Endangered Species Act issues before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She regularly reviews business transaction documents and provides advice regarding environmental issues.

Lesley's practice also consists of general appellate litigation work. Before joining the firm, Lesley worked as a staff attorney for the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Notable

- *Best Lawyers in America, Administrative / Regulatory Law, 2023*
- *Charleston Regional Business Journal, 2020 Forty Under 40 winners, 2020*
- *South Carolina Super Lawyer Rising Star, Environmental, 2019-2021*

Capabilities

Civil Litigation

Environmental

Environmental, Social & Corporate Governance

Education

J.D., University of South Carolina, 2011

B.A., University of South Carolina, 2007, summa cum laude

Admissions

South Carolina, 2011

LESLEY A. FIRESTONE

- University of South Carolina Law School CALI Awards: Advanced Legal Research; Secured Transactions; Death Penalty Seminar
- Leadership Charleston class of 2020, Charleston Metro Chambers of Commerce
- Member, American Bar Association *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal*, 2009-2011
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of South Carolina
- Page, South Carolina State Senator Greg Ryberg, 2006-2007
- In State Consultant and author for South Carolina Chapter, *Brownfields Law and Practice*, Matthew Bender and Co., Inc., 1998

Affiliations

- Council Member, South Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division; Environmental & Natural Resource Section
- Charleston County Bar Association
- Member, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Technical Committee
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- General council member, SC Bar Environmental & Natural Resource Section