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EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of Law,
J.D., 1994

Rice University, B.A., 1989

ADMISSIONS

South Carolina Bar, 1994

Texas Bar, 2004

United States District Court, District of South
Carolina, 1996

United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit,
2003

P.H.V. Admissions in Florida, Mississippi,
Oklahoma, North Carolina

MEMBERSHIPS

South Carolina Bar

Richland County Bar Association

DRI – Association for Lawyers Defending
Business

South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’
Association

National Association of Criminal Defense
Lawyers

Claims and Litigation Management

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

South Carolina Legal Elite – Business
Litigation, Columbia Business Monthly (2026)

Best Lawyers in the Midlands, Columbia
Metropolitan (2011- Present)

2026 South Carolina Super Lawyers

Martindale Hubbell rating – AV

South Carolina Legal Elite – Construction,
Columbia Business Monthly (2021)

PRACTICE AREAS

**Construction, Construction Defect Litigation, Litigation, Environmental Issues, Mass Tort, Products Liability
Trucking Accident Defense, Insurance Coverage**

Roy Shelley is the Head of the Litigation Department and handles litigation involving construction, products liability (most frequently defending claims related to construction materials), commercial claims, trucking accidents, personal injury, property and casualty, environmental damage, insurance coverage, and criminal law.

Roy leads the Environmental Litigation Team, which handles toxic tort and contamination claims, as well as the defense of enforcement actions by governmental agencies such as SCDES, NCDEQ, and the EPA. Roy is also co-leader of the Construction and Products Liability team, which is designed to handle the complete range of construction and products liability claims, including complex, mass tort claims throughout the United States.

Prior to joining Rogers Townsend & Thomas, Roy was an attorney with the Richland County Public Defenders Office. He was a law student intern at the South Carolina Court of Appeals, where he worked for the Honorable Randall T. Bell. Prior to law school, he worked in the oil and gas industry in Houston.

Roy served as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of South Carolina from 1999 to 2013 and has served as District Coordinator for the South Carolina Bar High School Mock Trial competition since 1996.

In 2012, Roy was selected as a member of the editorial board of the Environmental Claims Journal (ECJ). As an editorial board member, Shelley’s contribution to the journal will include writing articles on a wide array of environmental topics, reviewing and editing article submissions, and providing insights on environmental policy, litigation, and insurance issues.

In 2013, Roy was appointed Vice Chair for the Energy and Natural Resource Litigation Committee for the American Bar Association. He was also appointed Vice Chair of the Superfund and Natural Resource Damages Litigation Subcommittee for the ABA Section on Energy, Environment & Resources (ABA-SEER).