

# William A. Coates

William A. Coates, who joined the SC Ports Board of Directors in February 2022, is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference. He is a former board member of the Defense Research Institute, and he is a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has served as president of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association and as Chair of the South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee and of the South Carolina State Ethics Commission. Bill was selected for inclusion in the inaugural issue of South Carolina Super Lawyers in 2008 and has been continually selected each subsequent year.

Coates handles a wide variety of litigation in South Carolina and the Southeast. His practice encompasses commercial and corporate litigation, as well as financial, real estate, health care, and environmental litigation. As a former federal prosecutor, Bill handles white-collar criminal defense matters and governmental investigations for a variety of clients.

Bill is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian award. In 2012, he received the Robert W. Hemphill Award, from the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association; "In Recognition of Distinguished and Meritorious Service to the Legal Profession and the Public."