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Eric P. Schroeder is a trial and appellate litigator specializing in media, health care and intellectual property issues. He is co-Chair of the Firm's Appellate Practice.

Mr. Schroeder has over a decade of experience in First Amendment, defamation, access, privacy and constitutional issues involving speech rights and the media. In the health care arena, Mr. Schroeder assists hospitals and physicians on class action, peer review, HCQIA, antitrust, restraint of trade and other litigation matters. He has also specialized in advising and representing media and healthcare companies on copyright, trade dress, trademark and false advertising issues.

Mr. Schroeder has represented numerous clients in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and Georgia appellate courts, and lectures and writes frequently on media law, judicial campaign speech and appellate issues. He has filed amicus curiae briefs addressing First Amendment, tort reform and other constitutional matters in appellate courts on behalf of Cable News Network; Gannett Co. Inc.; the Anti-Defamation League; BellSouth; UPS; Georgia Power; Home Depot; and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

**Practices**

- Health CareHealth Care

**Education**

- J.D., Order of the Coif, Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1996; *Vanderbilt Law Review*, Articles Editor 1995-96
- A.B., Duke University, 1992

**Bar & Court Admissions**

- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

**Memberships**

- 11th Circuit Historical Society, Member
- Atlanta Bar Association, *The Atlanta Lawyer*, Editorial Board
- Atlanta Public School Education Committee, Corporate Communication Advisory Board, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Before joining Powell Goldstein, Mr. Schroeder clerked with the Honorable William C. O'Kelley, United States District Court, in the Northern District of Georgia.

Mr. Schroeder has been selected as a 2006 and 2007 *Georgia Super Lawyers' Rising Star*.

### Recent Representative Cases

- **Griffin Industries, Inc. v. Green**, 280 Ga. App. 858, 635 S.E.2d 231 (2006) (vacating and remanding order granting class action status)
- **Satterfield v. Southern Regional Health System**, 280 Ga. App. 584, 634 S.E.2d 530 (2006) (affirming dismissal of claims brought by uninsured patients against not-for-profit hospital system)
- **Atlanta Journal Constitution, USA TODAY et al. v. City of Atlanta, et al.**, 442 F.3d 1283 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) (affirming award of over \$650,000 in attorney's fees to client USA TODAY)
- **Atlanta Multispecialty Surgical Associates, LLC v. DeKalb Medical Center, Inc.**, 273 Ga. App. 355, 615 S.E.2d 166 (2005) (affirming grant of summary judgment to client on claims of libel and breach of contract)
- **Wolf v. Ramsey**, 253 F.Supp.2d 1323 (N.D.Ga. 2003) (granting summary judgment on libel claims filed against clients John and Patsy Ramsey; rules that no reasonable jury could find that John or Patsy Ramsey were involved in the murder of JonBenet Ramsey)
- **Atlanta Journal Constitution, USA TODAY et al. v. City of Atlanta, et al.**, 322 F.3d 1298 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003) (affirming ruling that 1996 newsrack plan at Hartsfield Airport was unconstitutional)
- **Hoffman-Pugh v. Ramsey**, 312 F.3d 1222 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002) (affirming dismissal of libel claim filed against John and Patsy Ramsey)

### Representative Amici Briefs

- American Bar Association, Host Committee, Litigation Section 2009 Annual Meeting
- Defense Research Institute, Appellate Advocacy Committee, Membership Chair
- Federal Bar Association, Atlanta Chapter, Executive Committee
- Federal Bar Association, Atlanta Chapter, 2008 - 2009, Robert S. Vance Forum on the Bill of Rights, Co-chair
- Federal Bar Association, Atlanta Chapter, The Younger Lawyers Division, Co-chair
- Frazer Center, Board Member, Secretary
- State Bar of Georgia, Committee on the Judiciary
- State Bar of Georgia, Media Judiciary Conference, Organizing Committee

### Awards & Honors

- Georgia Rising Star (2006-2007)

### Publications

"Georgia's Limitation of the 'Intracorporate Publication' Defamation Defense," *LexisNexis Expert Commentaries*, co-authored with Ann Ferebee, May 2008

"False Advertising: Eleventh Circuit Makes It Harder for Franchisees to Bring Cases Against Franchisors," *Law Journal Newsletter's Franchising Business & Law Alert*, April 2008

"CNN Fights to Keep Footage Out of Suit," *Daily Report*, quoted, January 2008

"CNN Safeguards Stand n' Seal Raw Footage," *Product Liability Law360*, quoted, November 2007

"Court's Business Division Gives Cases Needed TLC," *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, quoted, May 2007

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- **EHCA Cartersville, LLC v. Turner**, 280 Ga. 333, 626 S.E.2d 482 (2006) (filed *amici* brief on behalf of Georgia Chamber of Commerce and other leading Georgia companies in support of change in *forum inconveniens* venue statute)
- **Mathis v. Cannon**, 276 Ga. 16, 573 S.E.2d 376 (2002) (filed *amici* brief on behalf of CNN, Gannett Co., Inc. and the Georgia Association of Broadcasters on libel issue before Georgia Supreme Court)

"Interlocutory Appeals Under 28 U.S.C. section 1292(b): Turning Vinegar Into Wine," *Certworthy, DRI Appellate Committee Newsletter*, Winter 2006

"From Nasty to Useful, Web Blogs Are Inescapable," *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, quoted, March 2006

"Recent Changes in The Law of Judicial Elections; Judicial Professionalism in a New Era of Judicial Selection," *Mercer Law Review*, Spring 2005

"Libel Suit Casts Long Shadow Over Media," *Legal Times*, quoted, October 2005

"Atlanta Loses \$1 Million in Fight Against Newspapers," *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, quoted, December 2004

"No Evidence That Parents Killed Jon Benet," *Fulton County Daily Report* (Statewide Edition), cover story, April 2003