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Eric P. Schroeder is a trial and appellate litigator specializing in speech, unfair competition, intellectual property and commercial litigation issues. He is also Chair of the Firm's Appellate Practice.

Mr. Schroeder has over a decade of experience in First Amendment, defamation, privacy, copyright, false advertising, trademark and unfair competition issues affecting media, business and high-profile individuals. He has advised and represented clients in a number of major class action, libel, trademark, unfair competition, false advertising, antitrust, RICO, commercial and other litigation matters.

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

**Recent Engagements**

- Lead Counsel for Google Inc. in a misappropriation action regarding the Google Sky program, Google's Cobb v. Google Inc., etal, Civil Action No. 1:08-CV-0483 (N.D. Ga. 2008)

**Practices**

- Complex Commercial & Business Litigation
- Appellate

**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

- Lead Appellate Counsel for L-3 Communication Corp. at oral argument in affirming denial of motion for stay of antitrust action, Lockheed Martin Corp., v. L-3 Communication Corp., 2008 WL 2333018 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir 2008) (argued)
- Lead Counsel for CNN in subpoena dispute regarding application of reporter's privilege, Roanoke Companies Group, Inc., 2007 WL 4564113 (N.D. Ga. 2008)

### Recent Reported 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)
- Atlanta Public School Education Committee, Corporate Communication Advisory Board, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
- 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

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- **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

- **Fowler Properties v. Dowland**, 646 S.E. 2d 197 ( Ga. 2007) (submitted *amici curiae* brief on behalf of Georgia Chamber of Commerce regarding constitutionality of offer-of-settlement statute)
- **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 inconvieniens* 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)

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

"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