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Derek Tarver focuses his practice on product liability litigation, particularly among clients in the automotive and consumer product industries. His approach to client service is tailored to understanding the development and design of their products, as well as other factors that play into their production.

Derek has been instrumental in cases that have involved passenger and commercial vehicles, industrial chemicals, and construction materials, as well as cases involving industrial plant safety and commercial transactions. His clients have benefitted from his ability to identify the main issues in each case and then convey those issues to the courts.

He has experience working in all aspects of litigating cases, from general discovery and pleadings, to drafting and arguing dispositive motions, to taking and defending depositions of experts and corporate representatives.

Derek earned his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law, *magna cum laude*, where he was both a member of the Order of the Coif and the Order of the Wig and Robe. During that time, he also served as the associate editor in chief of the *South Carolina Law Review*. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina Beaufort, *cum laude*.

## Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Product Liability / Mass Tort Litigation
- Manufacturing

- Environment & Natural Resources

## Education

- University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*), 2017  
Order of the Coif, Order of the Wig & Robe, Torts Tutor, Associate Editor in Chief, *South Carolina Law Review*
- University of South Carolina Beaufort (B.A.), 2007  
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## Professional Affiliations

- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association - Emerging Leader
- Uniform Law Commission - Associate Reporter, Uniform Highly Automated Vehicles Act