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Services and Industries

- Investigations, White Collar and Criminal Defense
- Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions
- Title IX

Education

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

Furman University, B.A., *cum laude*

Admissions

South Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina

Cody Groeber is a shareholder in the Saxton & Stump [Investigations, White Collar and Criminal Defense](#), [Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions](#) and [Title IX](#) groups, based in the firm's Charleston office. With nearly two decades of experience, he represents clients in complex litigation and federal criminal investigations, offering strategic counsel at every stage of a case. Cody has defended individuals and entities in high-stakes matters involving

allegations of white-collar fraud, murder, false records, tax fraud, robbery, and more.

Before joining Saxton & Stump, Cody spent 10 years as an assistant federal public defender in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, where he appeared in court three to five times a week, litigated suppression motions, handled trials and appeals, and filed federal habeas claims. His advocacy has led to government case dismissals mid-trial and even a rare request from the U.S. Supreme Court for a government response to a *certiorari* petition – ultimately resulting in a successful sentence reduction for his client.

Cody began his legal career in public service at the Charleston County and Berkeley County public defender offices. In Berkeley County, he served as a deputy public defender, managing a staff of 10 and leading the defense on nearly 100 criminal cases in two years.

He earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where he served as executive editor of the *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy*, and his B.A., *cum laude*, from Furman University.

Representative Experience

- [U.S. v. Xavier Capers \(2023\)](#). Charges against a prison guard accused of smuggling drugs were dismissed after jury selection and witness testimony—a first in the presiding judge’s experience.
- [U.S. v. Lamar Meyers \(2019\)](#). Successfully preserved a suppression issue on appeal involving an unconstitutional public strip search.
- [U.S. v. Robert Lamont Lloyd \(2018\)](#). Achieved a sentence reduction after the U.S. Supreme Court granted *certiorari* and the government conceded error.
- *U.S. v. Hughes*. Exposed warrantless use of cell-site simulator (Stingray); the government dismissed the case rather than disclose details.
- [U.S. v. Panagiotis Koutoukakis \(2017\)](#). Won a probationary sentence after trial for a ship’s chief engineer convicted of presenting false records to the U.S. Coast Guard.
- [State v. Marvin Reginald Brown, Charleston County General Sessions Court \(2017\)](#). Secured exclusion of the only evidence against the client; ruling upheld by the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Recognitions

- Eagle Scout, Furman Quaternions Club

Speaking Engagements

- “What Practicing Criminal Law is Really Like,” University of Notre Dame Law School (2026)
- “Federal Criminal Practice,” University of Notre Dame Law School (2024)
- “Bond and Custody Issues for Defendants with State and Federal Charges,” for the S.C. Ninth Circuit Public Defender’s Office (2021)
- “Immigration: Practical Tips to Defending Non-citizens,” federal CJA panel (2019)
- “Filing and Winning Suppression Motions: A Practical Guide,” federal CJA panel (2019)
- “Story of a Stingray: Surreptitious Government Surveillance,” federal CJA panel (2018)
- “USSG Immigration Guidelines Update,” federal CJA panel (2016)

Community Involvement

- Northbridge Terrace Pool, president
- Founding family of Highlands Latin School, Charleston
- High school history teacher, volunteer

Professional Affiliations

- South Carolina Bar Association
- South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Charleston County Bar Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers