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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 Quaternion 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