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## **Local Attorney Ken Harrell Elected as Vice President of South Carolina Injured Workers' Advocates**

**NORTH CHARLESTON, November 17, 2008**—Attorney Ken Harrell of the North Charleston-based Joye Law Firm was officially installed as vice president of the South Carolina Injured Workers' Advocates on November 7, 2008, during the Injured Workers Advocates' annual conference held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N.C.

"Ken Harrell is a tremendous leader and does an amazing job as legislative chairman for our association," said Clara Smith, Executive Director of Injured Workers' Advocates. "He is a well-respected advocate at the state house and is a tireless servant on behalf of South Carolinians hurt on the job who otherwise would not have a voice."

As vice president of the organization, Mr. Harrell's duties will include assisting the president, William B. Salley Jr., with long-term planning for the organization; coordinating the continuing legal education seminars for association members; and educating state legislators on issues affecting injured workers.

"The organization has worked diligently to create bipartisan relationships with our state's lawmakers," Mr. Harrell said. "We help them understand the challenges faced by South Carolina's injured workers."

Since joining Joye Law Firm in 1994, Mr. Harrell has represented thousands of injured workers to protect their entitlement to disability and medical treatment benefits. Additionally, he serves as the managing partner and leader of the firm's workers' compensation and mass torts practices. He also is a frequent author and speaker for the South Carolina Bar's continuing legal education program and the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association.

Mr. Harrell also belongs to the following organizations: American Bar Association, American Association for Justice, South Carolina Bar, South Carolina Association for Justice, and South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission's Educational Association.

"Given the current economic uncertainty in our nation and in our state, it's never been more important that our injured workers have an effective voice speaking on their behalf."

**Ken Harrell, Vice President**  
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**About the South Carolina Injured Workers' Advocates**

Injured Workers' Advocates is a South Carolina nonprofit association of attorneys who are dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights and legal remedies for South Carolina workers who are victims of occupational injury or disease. The organization works to achieve these goals by advocating for the rights of injured workers through education, litigation, and communication with others concerning goals and issues important to the protection of workers' rights in the state of South Carolina. Visit [injuredworkersadvocates.com](http://injuredworkersadvocates.com) to learn more.

**About Joye Law Firm**

Based in North Charleston, S.C., Joye Law Firm has been fighting to help people face legal challenges since 1968. The firm has eight experienced attorneys—with a combined litigation experience of more than 100 years—and more than 30 paralegals and other staff members. Their commitment to excellence is confirmed by the receipt of Martindale-Hubbell's highest legal rating (AV). In 1997, Joye Law Firm received national acclaim when it represented a family whose child died as the result of a defective door latch on a minivan. The jury returned a verdict of \$262.5 million, which was the largest personal injury verdict ever against an automobile manufacturer in the United States at that time. This verdict remains the largest personal injury case in South Carolina. Visit [www.joyelawfirm.com](http://www.joyelawfirm.com) to learn more.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Photograph of Ken Harrell available upon request.**

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