Will Johnson Named the Columbia Chamber Young Professional of the Year

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CHARLESTON, COLUMBIA, FLORENCE, GREENVILLE, AND MYTLE BEACH, SC - <u>Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.</u> attorney William R. (Will) Johnson (Columbia Office) was named the Young Professional of the Year by the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Johnson was honored on October 9th at the Chamber's Annual Gala and Silent Auction.

A native of Lake City, Mr. Johnson focuses his practice in the areas of tax and economic incentive matters. He is actively engaged in the economic development and legal communities at the local, state, and national levels. Mr. Johnson is also an enthusiastic advocate for Special Olympics and created a partnership between the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division and Special Olympics South Carolina in 2010.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the South Carolina Bar Board of Governors and is co-chair of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Tax Law Section. Mr. Johnson is the immediate past president of the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division, immediate past chair of the Leadership Columbia Alumni Association Advisory Board, and a member of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA), South Carolina Economic Developers' Association, and the Central S.C. Alliance Committee of 100. In January, Mr. Johnson was appointed to the Florence County Economic Development Partnership Board.

About the Young Professional of the Year Award

This award is given to an individual nominated by his or her peers who demonstrates a commitment to making the greater Columbia region an even better environment for young professionals to flourish professionally and personally. The award recipient must exemplify leadership in the community through active involvement and leadership roles in civic and/or philanthropic organizations; and, must be a graduate of the Leadership Columbia program, a current member of the Columbia chamber and/or a current member of the Columbia Opportunity Resource.

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