

**CURRICULUM VITAE
OF
NICK M. BAJALIA, SR.**

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death
 Medical Malpractice
 Trucking and Commercial Vehicle Collisions
 Automobile, Motorcycle and Boating Collisions
 Premises Liability and Dangerous Conditions
 Defective Product Liability
 Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect
Criminal Defense
Insurance Bad Faith
Business Disputes and Commercial Litigation

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

Certified Mediator – Civil Mediation	2017-Present
Certified Mediator – Domestic Relations Mediation	2017-Present
Certified Mediator – Specialized Domestic Violence Mediation	2017-Present
Certified Arbitrator	2017-Present

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Georgia	1979-Present
Trial Courts of Georgia	1979-Present
Florida Bar Association	1981-Present
Trial Courts of Florida	1981-Present
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	1981-Present
United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia	1979-Present
United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia	1980-Present
Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia	1980-Present
Supreme Court of Georgia	1980-Present
Supreme Court of Florida	1981-Present
Supreme Court of the United States	2017-Present

EDUCATION

Stetson College of Law	
Master of Laws in Trial Advocacy (<i>Awarded with Distinction</i>)	2025
Cumberland School of Law of Samford University	
Juris Doctor	1979
University of Georgia	
Bachelor of Business Administration	1975
Valdosta State University	
(College Freshman & Sophomore Years)	1971-1973

Valdosta High School

High School Diploma – With Honors

1972

First Full-time Early Admission Student to Valdosta State University

1971

Cumberland School of Law of Samford University

- Student Bar Association
Vice President (1978-1979)
- The American Journal of Trial Advocacy
- Mock Trial Competition Team
- Courtroom Intern Program (1977-1998) *(By nomination of the Law School Dean)*
- Research Assistant – (1977-1979) *(By specific request of Professors)*
- Law Clerk & Judicial Internship (1978-1979)
Honorable R. Macey Taylor, United States Magistrate, United States District Court,
Northern District of Alabama
- Pro Confesso
Staff Associate
Associate Editor
- Project Awareness
Director
- International Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
- Student Representative – BarBRI Bar Examination Review Course

University of Georgia

Business School Council *(By invitation of the Dean, Terry School of Business Administration)*
Chairman

RHO Epsilon National Professional Real Estate Fraternity
Secretary
Publicity Director

Phi Beta Lambda National Professional Business Fraternity
Programs Committee

Pre-Law Club
Vice-President

Communiversy (Big Brother-Little Brother Campus Program)
Founder and President
Big Brother

UGA Karate Team
Team Captain

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
Chairman, House Activities Committee

Valdosta State University f/k/a Valdosta State College

Voted One of three Top Speakers On Campus (1971)

Valdosta State College Speech Forum (1971)
First Place, Best Speaker On Campus

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
Chairman, Housing Committee

Valdosta High School

- Graduated With Honors
(4th in a class of 386 students, and having completed college freshman year)
- Beta Club
- Recipient, VHS Award for Excellence (1972)
- Who's Who Among American High School Students
- The Society of Outstanding American High School Students
- Early College Admissions Program
First Full-Time Early Admissions Student to Valdosta State College

EMPLOYMENT**Adjunct Professor**

Valdosta State University

2005; 2023 - Present

Founding Partner

Bajalia Law Firm, P.C.

Dec. 2011 - Present

Founding Partner

Nick M. Bajalia d/b/a Bajalia Law Firm

May 1982 - Present

Associate

Blackburn, Bright, Edwards & Dodd

1981-1982

Partner

Coleman, Kitchens & Bajalia

1980-1981

Associate

Coleman & Kitchens

1979-1980

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

State Bar of Georgia

1979-Present

General Practice & Trial Section

Torts & Insurance Practice Section

Criminal Law Section

Legal Economics Section

Dispute Resolution Section

Valdosta Bar Association

1979-Present

Past Secretary

Past Chair for Law Week Celebration Committee

Georgia Civil Justice Foundation

1995-Present

The People's Law School (1995 and 2005)

American Bar Association (ABA)

2017-Present

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

American Association for Justice (AAJ)

2017-Present

Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway and Premises Liability Section

Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA)

1991-1996; 2017-Present

Motor Vehicle/Product Liability

Trucking

Southern Trial Lawyers Association (STLA)

2018-Present

The National Trial Lawyers	2016-Present
Best Attorneys of America	2018-Present
American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys (AIOPIA) <i>(By invitation only)</i>	2016-Present
American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys <i>(By invitation only)</i>	2017-Present
Attorney and Practice Magazine	2018-Present
American Association of Premier DUI Attorneys (AAPDA) <i>(Founding Member)</i>	2014-Present
American Institute of DUI/DWI Attorneys <i>(By invitation only)</i>	2017-Present
Valdosta Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	2004-Present
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity	1978-Present

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

Top 100 Lawyers	2025-Present
Fearless 50 in Law – featured in Spring 2026 publication	
Best Attorneys of America	2018-Present
Lifetime Charter Membership	
Martindale-Hubbell Client Champion – Platinum	2017-Present
Martindale-Hubbell America’s Most Honored	2016
Martindale-Hubbell Client Distinction Award	2015-2016
AVVO Superb Rating	2016-Present
AVVO 10.0 Rating	2016-Present
AVVO Clients’ Choice Award	2015-Present
AVVO Clients’ Choice Award	2013
National Trial Lawyers	
Top 100 Trial Lawyers - Civil Plaintiff <i>(By invitation only)</i>	2016-Present
Top 100 Trial Lawyers - Criminal Defense <i>(By invitation only)</i>	2016-Present
Motor Vehicle Trial Lawyers Association Top 25	2017-Present
Trucking Trial Lawyers Association Top 10	2017-Present
American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys (AIOPIA) <i>(By invitation only)</i>	2016-Present
10 Best Client Satisfaction	
America’s Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorneys	2016-Present
American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys	2017-Present
10 Best	
Attorney and Practice Magazine	2018-Present
Georgia’s Top 10 Criminal Defense Attorney	
American Institute of DUI/DWI Attorneys	2017-Present
10 Best in Georgia	
Nationwide Register’s Who’s Who in Executives and Businesses	2000-2001

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES HELD AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE WORK

University of Georgia Alumni Association	1975-Present
Cumberland School of Law Alumni Association	1979-Present
Dean’s Cabinet	1989-1990
Class Agent	1990; 1994
City of Remerton, Georgia	
City Attorney	1983-1985
Judge, Municipal Court	1983-1985
Valdosta Bar Association	
Secretary	1984
Georgia Trial Lawyers Association	

Member, Executive Committee	1992-1994
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Political Action Committee (GTLA Law Pac)	1992-1994
Chairman, Brief Bank Committee	1992-1995
Member, Governmental Affairs Committee	1992-1994
Member, Membership Committee	1992-1994
Member, Legislative Affairs Committee	1992-1994
Member, Judicial Affairs Committee	1992-1994
Member, Continuing Legal Education Committee	1992-1994
Georgia Congressional Delegation Conferences, Washington, D.C.,	Sept., 1993
Vice-President, Southern Judicial Circuit	1993-1996
Member, Executive Council of Vice-Presidents Second Congressional District	1993-1994
State Bar of Georgia Fee Arbitration Program	
Attorney Member	2013-Present
State Bar of Georgia Mentoring Program	
State Bar Mentor	2015-Present
Cumberland School of Law of Samford University	1982-1983
Past Member, Dean's Advisory Council	

COMMUNITY AND CHARITABLE SERVICE WORK

Masonic Temple, St. John The Baptist Lodge, No. 184 F. & A.M.	1986
Member	
Break Bread Program	1970-1974
Member	
Big Brother-Little Brother Program	1973-1975
Member, Athens, Georgia	
Communiversity (Big Brother-Little Brother UGA Campus Program)	1973-1975
Founder and President	
Big Brother	
Big Brother-Little Brother Program	1978-1979
Member, Birmingham, Alabama	
Valdosta High School	2001-2002
Head Coach, Mock Trial Team	
Epiphany Prison Ministry	2001-2003
Member, Statewide Committee	
Valwood High School	2003-2004
Head Coach, Mock Trial Team	
Valwood High School	2005-2006
Head Coach, Mock Trial Team	
Georgia Mock Trial Competition	2017
Judge/Evaluator, Regional Trial Competition	
South Georgia Partnership To End Homelessness	2011-Present
Member, Board of Directors	
Stetson University College of Law	2024
Regional Competition (Region VI) Texas Young Lawyers Association	
Judge/Evaluator, National Trial Competition	
Prestige Preparatory School	2026-Present
Member, Board of Directors	

PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS, AND LECTURES

“Diversity in the Family Law Field”, University of Georgia School of Law, Family Law Society Spring Career Panel, February 7, 2017.

“Civil Rights in Today’s Society”, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Cook County, Georgia, February 20, 2010.

Chairperson, People’s Law School, sponsored by the Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, Valdosta, Georgia, April 23-June 25, 2005.

“Family Law: Divorce, Alimony, Custody & Adoption Issues”, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, presented at the People’s Law School, Valdosta, Georgia, June 11, 2005.

“Automobile Accidents & Insurance”, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, presented at the People’s Law School, Valdosta, Georgia, May 21, 2005.

“The Criminal Process”, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, presented at the People’s Law School, Valdosta, Georgia, April 30, 2005.

“How the Foundational Structure of Our Laws Have Shifted In a Manner To Hinder and Unintentionally Set Back the Civil Rights Movement and the Ideal of Equality Among All People”, presented at Annual Christmas Banquet of Greater Pleasant Temple Baptist Church, Valdosta, Georgia, December 16, 1995.

Chairperson, People’s Law School, sponsored by the Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, Valdosta, Georgia, May 13-July 15, 1995.

“Professional Negligence – Doctors, Lawyers and Beyond”, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, presented at the People’s Law School, Valdosta, Georgia, June 24, 1995.

“Automobile Accidents”, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, presented at the People’s Law School, Valdosta, Georgia, June 17, 1995.

“How to Choose a Lawyer”, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, presented at the People’s Law School, Valdosta, Georgia, May 13, 1995.

“How a Lawsuit Works”, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, presented at the People’s Law School, Valdosta, Georgia, May 13, 1995.

“Ethical Considerations in Gathering Factual Information and Preserving the Evidence”, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, presented at the Meeting of the Minds-Making the Most of Settlements Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia, December 9, 1994.

Seminar Co-Chairman, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association Annual Fall Workshop, Secrets of Our Success Seminar, St. Simons Island, Georgia, October 21-22, 1994.

Brief Bank Index, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Published May, 1994.

“Justice Through Power,” THE VERDICT, Vol. 17, No. 4, July/August, 1992.

REPORTED CASES

Cribb v. Moore, 373 Ga. App. 750, 908 S.E.2d 783 (Ga. Ct. App. 2024).

Autauga Quality Cotton Ass'n v. Crosby, 893 F.3d 1276 (11th Cir. 2018).

Lane v. State, 287 Ga. App. 503, 651 S.E.2d 798 (Ga. Ct. App. 2007).

State v. Williams, 281 Ga. App. 187, 187, 635 S.E.2d 807, 808 (Ga. Ct. App. 2006).

Howard v. Gram Corp., 268 Ga. App. 466, 466, 602 S.E.2d 241, 242 (Ga. Ct. App. 2004).

Harrell v. Decatur County, 41 F.3d 1494, 8 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 945 (11th Cir. 1995).

Harrell v. Decatur County, 22 F.3d 1570, 8 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 309 (11th Cir. 1994).

Altman v. Quattlebaum, 253 Ga. 341, 320 S.E.2d 179 (Ga. 1984).

Keller v. State, 162 Ga. App. 100, 290 S.E.2d 204 (Ga. Ct. App. 1982).

Loethen v. State, 158 Ga. App. 469, 280 S.E.2d 878 (Ga. Ct. App. 1981).