

B. Henderson Johnson Jr. is of counsel with Aiken firm of Johnson Johnson Whittle and Snelgrove. Born and raised in Aiken, Mr. Johnson enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from high school. Following his military service, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Newberry College and spent eight years with the US Postal Service. In 1963, he earned his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

His early practice was with the firm of Williams and Johnson. In 1980, he founded the Johnson Law Firm with a focus on criminal defense. Mr. Johnson tried numerous cases over his career. He subsequently expanded the firm to bring in James Whittle, his two sons, Barry Johnson (deceased) and Todd Johnson, daughter, Vicki Johnson Snelgrove, and daughter-in-law, Paige Weeks Johnson. They added expertise in family law, civil litigation, personal injury, workers' compensation, real estate, probate, social security and disability law.

Mr. Johnson's accolades are many including being named a member of Order of the Whig and Robe and his selection as one of the *Best Lawyers in America*. His service to the legal profession includes membership with the SC Criminal Defense Lawyers, the SC Trial Lawyers Association and as President of the Aiken County Bar Association.

In his community, Mr. Johnson has spent tireless hours working with youth. He served as a coach, umpire and "jack-of-all-trades" for the Aiken Pony League. Known as the man who would do "anything and everything that needed to be done to give children an opportunity to participate in sports," Mr. Johnson was twice awarded a World Series Sportsmanship Award and was also inducted into the Aiken County Sports Hall of Fame.

In Aiken, Mr. Johnson is the only person to have been named both Citizen of the Year (in 1969) and Man of the Year (in 1998) by the Aiken Chamber. He also received a Distinguished Citizen Award from USC Aiken in 2005 as well as the Order of the Palmetto. He is particularly known for his selfless work with the Hitchcock Rehabilitation Center, the USC Aiken Partnership Board and the American Cancer Society.