
SCCTA 2011 Legislator of the Year



Senator Glenn F. McConnell

Senator Glenn F. McConnell is a native and life-long resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Following high school, McConnell attended the College of Charleston then continued his studies by pursuing a law degree at the University of South Carolina. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1972, as well as an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Charleston (1999), an honorary Doctorate of Laws from the Citadel (2000), an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Francis Marion University (2001), and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the Medical University of South Carolina (2005).

Professionally, McConnell started his legal career by working for two years as a staff attorney with the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program. He also served as a Labor Management Relations Specialist with the Charleston Naval Shipyard and then entered private practice. He retired from active practice to manage a family business until deciding to retire and close the business in 2009.

Glenn McConnell was elected to the South Carolina Senate in 1980 and has served as Chairman of the Rules Committee and is now Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which handles over 40% of all legislation that comes before the Senate for consideration. In 2009, McConnell was elected as the first Republican President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate since Reconstruction.
