

Being Ranked 39th Doesn't Get You Much in Sports or in Business.

In 2003 the U.S. Chamber ranked South Carolina in the bottom 10 nationally for our business litigation environment. That ranking, coupled with a strong desire by the business community and leaders in the legislature to improve our business climate, led to the passage of significant tort reform legislation last year. The result is an improvement in our ranking by the U.S. Chamber to 39th in the country. But as in sports, no team should be satisfied with 39th. USC and Clemson fans expect more from their teams and being ranked in the top 25 is certainly a goal worth having. The same holds true for the business community. It is our goal to see South Carolina ranked in the top 25 for our litigation climate and we can do it if we pass some additional pieces of legislation this session:

- Comprehensive Workers' Compensation Reform that takes care of injured employees and gets them back to work without crippling employers in the process
- Reasonable limits on damage awards that fully and fairly compensate injured parties
- A guarantee that all civil defendants can exercise their fundamental right to appeal, regardless of the judgment against them

With your help we can be ranked in the top 25. We have a winning game plan. We just need the legislature to help us execute.

