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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Natural Disaster Law
- Construction Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Catastrophic Injury
- Consumer Litigation and Class Action Defense



PARTNER

Civil litigation practice focuses on complex tort and business litigation, including construction law. Litigated and arbitrated dozens of state and federal cases in Georgia, Alabama, Texas, West Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Maryland and Illinois. Licensed in Georgia and Alabama.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES/EXPERIENCE

- Litigated claims worth tens of millions of dollars against foreign and domestic manufacturers of construction industry products.
- Advised suppliers of Chinese drywall that were major targets of thousands of claimants in cases pending in the Florida state courts. Defended suppliers in the Multi-District litigation involving numerous class actions and tens of thousands of Plaintiffs. Was appointed by the Hon. Eldon E. Fallon of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana to serve on the Defense Steering Committee for the Chinese Drywall Multi District Litigation. Prosecuted indemnity and other claims against foreign manufacturers.
- Defended numerous motions for class action certification in federal and state court.
- Defended major power supplier in litigation filed on behalf of thousands of property owners alleging nuisance.
- Successfully defended mining companies in lawsuits alleging tens of millions in damages to thousands of claimants.
- Successfully litigated numerous construction cases.
- Successfully defended and favorably settled cases for lawyers, accountants and business entities accused of malpractice and other tortious conduct.
- Defense verdict for industrial equipment dealership company in a case involving alleged conversion of customer's industrial machines.
- Clients' proposed remedy adopted by the American Arbitration Association panel in "baseball arbitration" case involving a gas marketing contract dispute of tens of millions of dollars.
- Litigated multiple alleged carbon monoxide poisoning claims.



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- Litigated one of the first e-mail "spamming" cases involving one of the largest Internet providers.
- Prosecuted and defended numerous business disputes involving contractual and/or business tort allegations, such as misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of employee duty of loyalty, bad faith, fraud, construction and other contractual disputes in litigation and/or arbitration proceedings.
- Litigated and favorably resolved bad faith/breach of contract case for large casualty insurer where plaintiffs alleged more than \$50 million in actual damages.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Defense Research Institute
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Cobb Bar Association
- Former Vice President and Treasurer, Cobb County Trial Lawyers Association

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- State Bar of Georgia
- Alabama State Bar
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia

EDUCATION

- B.A., Emory University, 1990
- J.D., *cum laude*, Tulane University, 1993

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Litigation Alert: Cell Phones as Carcinogens," Defense Research Institute's The Voice, Vol. 11, Issue 18 (May 9, 2012).
- *Litigation Alert: Cell Phones as Carcinogens*, January 3, 2012