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## Atlanta-based Weinberg Wheeler grows Bham office with two new hires

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An Atlanta-based law firm is growing its team in its Birmingham office.

Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial added products liability litigator Jonathan Hooks as a partner and Ethan Wilkinson as an associate to complement its growth strategy, which involves strengthening its services in a variety of practice areas in the Birmingham market.

"As litigation resumes at prepandemic levels, we are grateful for the opportunity to continue to grow our team of trial lawyers in Birmingham to support client needs," said firm Managing Partner David Dial.

Hooks represents an array of clients throughout the Southeast, defending manufacturers and distributors of



Jonathan Hooks has joined Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial as partner.

products such as heavy and light machinery, consumer electronics, chemicals, nutraceuticals, medical devices and pharmaceuticals. In addition, he has represented windstorm insurers, premises owners, transportation companies, energy companies and professionals such as engineers, home inspectors and real estate agents.

According to his LinkedIn profile, Hooks was a partner at Christian & Small prior to his role at Weinberg Wheeler. He also previously was an attorney at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Hooks Law Firm, Lloyd Gray & Whitehead PC and Wilkerson & Bryan PC. In addition, he served as a staff attorney to Justice R. Bernard Harwood Jr. and as a law clerk to Justice Gorman Houston on the Supreme Court of Alabama.



Ethan Wilkinson has joined Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial as an associate.

Hooks, who is a member of the Defense Research Institute and the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association, where he serves as chair of the legislative committee, earned his bachelor's degree from Samford University and his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law.

Wilkinson is a civil litigator with experience defending employment, professional liability, premises liability and products liability cases in addition to advising clients on employment-related issues. His practice also includes advising on construction contracts and representing contractors on construction claims and in litigation.

According to his LinkedIn profile, he previously was an associate at Scott Dukes & Geisler PC.

Wilkinson earned his bachelor's degree from Birmingham-Southern College and his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law.

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