



Litigation: General Commercial: Alabama

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THE FIRM Medical malpractice defense is central to this team's top-tier position in the Alabama market. The group also has a sophisticated commercial litigation practice and recently represented KKR in a lawsuit arising from the leveraged recapitalization of supermarket chain Bruno's. Other notable clients include Emory University, Eton Park Capital Management and ProAssurance.

Sources say: *"This is a premier litigation firm. It is all they do and they do it very well."*

KEY INDIVIDUALS [Michael Florie](#) garners *"tremendous respect in front of judges,"* say sources. He focuses on medical malpractice defense, business and securities litigation. Senior trial counsel [Randal Sellers](#) is *"extremely well prepared, tough and will go to battle for you."* He is best known for his expertise in healthcare, professional medical liability and long-term care disputes. Managing partner [Walter Bates](#) specializes in medical malpractice work. Clients say: *"He is candid in his assessment and creative in his strategies."* Up-and-comer [Jay Ezelle](#) is *"exceptional in complex commercial litigation."* He has acted for GE Capital and Procter & Gamble.