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Starnes Davis Florie LLP

THE FIRM This quality firm works for a variety of clients, from corporations, product manufacturers, hospitals, banks and municipalities to doctors, attorneys, architects and accountants. The team is known for its courtroom prowess and ability to obtain advantageous verdicts for clients in a range of complex matters, including business, securities and malpractice cases. Recent engagements include winning summary judgment for Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in a malpractice suit which is on appeal.

Sources say: *"They are the absolute best for medical malpractice." "They gave me exactly what I needed; good, strategic advice, high responsiveness, good written product and reasonable bills."*

KEY INDIVIDUALS Interviewees concur that [Michael Florie](#) is an *"extremely experienced trial lawyer who inspires confidence and puts us entirely at ease."* He has been representing KKR, the defendant, in a lawsuit arising from the leveraged recapitalization of Bruno's.

[Randal Sellers](#) is another crucial member of the team, best known for his dedicated civil litigation practice which includes healthcare, professional liability and complex commercial litigation. He has led the team acting as co-counsel, along with Faegre & Benson, to Marshall Investment, in a breach of contract and fraud case.

Managing partner [Walter Bates](#) stands out for his medical malpractice capabilities and is appreciated by clients for his strategic approach. He recently led the team serving as Alabama counsel to Procter & Gamble in a patent marking and fraud case.

[Jay Ezelle](#) continues to earn a reputation as one of the most accomplished operators within the state, and rises up the rankings this year after initiating and consolidating relationships with nationally recognized clients. Sources attest to the fact that he is very talented in complex cases, with one admitting to being *"impressed with his thoroughness; he wrote a couple of excellent briefs which narrowed the case substantially."*