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ABOUT AMBER

Amber is a partner at Starnes Davis Florie. Her practice is devoted to civil litigation including environmental and construction litigation, professional liability defense, financial services claims, and appellate advocacy. She also advises clients regarding regulatory compliance in the environmental and healthcare fields.

Legal Assistant

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Areas of Practice

Architect, Engineer, and Design
Professional Malpractice
Energy & Environmental
Environmental Litigation
Environmental Regulation
Healthcare Fraud
Professional Liability
Toxic Torts
White Collar, Compliance &
Investigations
Banking & Financial Services
Construction Litigation
Architect Disciplinary Actions
Professional Engineer, Land
Surveyor, and Architect
Disciplinary Actions
Early Case Assessment
Healthcare Audits and False Claims
Act Investigations
Healthcare

EDUCATION

J.D., summa cum laude, Cumberland School
of Law (2008)
B.S., in Psychology & Criminal Justice, Troy
University (2005)

COURTS

U.S. District Court, Northern District of
Alabama
U.S. District Court, Southern District of
Alabama
U.S. District Court, Middle District of
Alabama
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

ACCOLADES



PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Chair of the Environmental Law Section of the Alabama State Bar

Chair of the Birmingham Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee

Member of the Young Professionals Advisory Board for the Southern Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference

Rising Star for the state of Alabama by the 2013-2017 editions of Mid-South Super Lawyers magazine

AV Preeminent rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

Birmingham's B-Metro Magazine's "Top Women Lawyers"

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Obtained a favorable opinion from the Supreme Court of Alabama reversing and remanding a trial court's denial of a client's request to compel arbitration of claims filed against his business in Baldwin County, Alabama.

Obtained complete summary judgment in favor of retailer in premises liability case

Obtained dismissal on behalf of municipal employees of personal injury and property damage claims based on construction of school

Obtained a defense judgment, which was affirmed on appeal, on behalf of a municipality following federal trial of Clean Water Act and state common law claims involving allegations of stormwater damage by an adjacent property owner

Represented coal mining operators in administrative and state court actions involving appeals of permits issued by the state environmental and surface mining agencies

Represented a client in a CERCLA contribution and cost recovery action pertaining to the Alabama Wood Treating Corporation site in Mobile, Alabama

Represented chemical waste generator in litigation involving personal injury claims arising from explosion of chemical waste

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

"Environmental Law and Accountants' Liability," presented and published at the 29th Annual Governmental Accounting and Auditing Forum hosted by Alabama Society of Certified Public Accounts and the Association of Government Accountants and Governmental Financial Officers Association of Alabama, December 1, 2016 (Birmingham, AL).

"Efficiency Guarantees under Surety Bond" and "Impact of Principal's Bankruptcy," presented at the 2016 Southern Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference, April 21, 2016 (Charleston, SC).

"Alabama Lien Law," seminar for the National Association of Credit Management, September 10, 2015 (Birmingham, AL)

"Environmental Law: What Every Accountant Should Know," seminar for the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants, August 31, 2015 (Huntsville, AL) and August 13, 2015 (Mobile, AL)

"Sources of Recovery and Liens," a publication presented at two seminars hosted by the National Business Institute, October 22, 2014 (Huntsville, AL) and October 23, 2014 (Birmingham, AL)

"EPCRA Tier II Requirements: A Guide for Hazardous Chemical Inventory Reporting," The EnLaw, Volume 19, No. 1 (Winter 2013)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Represents clients on a pro bono basis through Turning Point, a City of Birmingham Municipal Court program for homeless individuals.
- Serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program.
- Serves as a member of the Alabama Ballet Junior Board.
- Serves as a member of the Birmingham Track Club and Birmingham Ultra Trail Society.
- Active supporter of local parks including Ruffner Mountain and Red Mountain Park.

FUN FACTS

- Amber started running in the fall of 2015 and has since completed four half marathons and one full marathon, with the help of the coaches at Resolute Running in Homewood.
- She is a mom to two boys – Graham and Everett.