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ABOUT MICHAEL

Michael Scivley is a partner at Starnes Davis Florie and has been practicing law since 2006. His practice is primarily devoted to defending physicians and other health care providers in a variety of matters involving alleged medical malpractice and wrongful death. He also has significant experience assisting health care providers on matters involving professional licensing and credentialing. He is also a member of the firm's Recruiting Committee, currently serving as the firm's Hiring Partner.

Legal Assistant

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Areas of Practice

Complex Litigation
Healthcare
Medical Credentialing and
Licensure
Medical Malpractice
Professional Liability
Wrongful Death / Catastrophic
Injury

EDUCATION

J.D., Cumberland School of Law (2006)
B.A., Brown University (2002)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Tennessee

COURTS

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

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Michael was named a Rising Star for the state of Alabama by the 2013 and 2014 editions of Alabama Super Lawyers® magazine

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a family medicine physician and his clinic in a 6-day jury trial for alleged medical malpractice causing personal injury and wrongful death.

Obtained a defense verdict for a surgeon in a wrongful death case alleging negligent performance of a laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair.

Obtained a favorable opinion from the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals affirming the dismissal of a complaint arising from orthodontic care and treatment.

Obtained judgment as a matter of law in favor of a family medicine physician and his medical assistant following the trial of a combined personal injury and wrongful death case.

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a general surgeon in a case involving laparoscopic cholecystectomy which resulted in a complete transection of the common bile duct.

Obtained defense verdict following a seven-day trial in federal court involving a psychiatrist accused of improperly prescribing anti-seizure/bipolar medication.

Successfully defended an ophthalmologist on a licensing matter involving the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama.

Obtained complete summary judgment in favor of an orthopaedic surgeon accused of improperly performing an open reduction and internal fixation of a right lateral malleolar fracture.

Obtained complete summary judgment in a wrongful death matter in favor of a family practitioner accused of failing to misdiagnose an infection.

Obtained complete summary judgment in favor of a plastic surgeon accused of improperly performing a liposuction procedure.

Secured the dismissal of two anesthesiologists in a medical malpractice and wrongful death matter involving a cervical spine surgical procedure.

Secured the dismissal of a nephrologist in a wrongful death matter involving a dialysis patient.

Secured the dismissal of a urologist and licensed practical nurse accused of failing to diagnose a recurrence of renal cell carcinoma.

Secured the dismissal of a dentist accused of striking a patient with a dental drill during a root canal procedure.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Lectured on Dram Shop Litigation at the Tort Law Update presented by CLE Alabama/The University of Alabama School of Law

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Michael is a member of the Alabama Bar Association, the Birmingham Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and the American Bar Association.
- He served as a member of the Birmingham Bar Association Medical Liaison Committee
- He is a volunteer for the Brown University Alumni Schools Committee, where he interviews prospective college applicants.
- He is a member of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church.

FUN FACTS

- While attending Cumberland School of Law, Michael was a member of the Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum.
- Michael played wide receiver for Brown University, where he earned multiple varsity letters and was a member of the 1999 Ivy League championship football team.

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