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ABOUT WILL

Will focuses his practice on healthcare litigation, commercial and business litigation, and personal-injury litigation. Will previously served as the firm's Hiring Partner.

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Areas of Practice

Commercial Disputes
Arbitration
Complex Litigation
Energy & Environmental
Healthcare
Long Term Care & Nursing
Home Litigation
Long Term Care & Other
Healthcare Regulatory
Compliance
Medical Malpractice
Professional Liability
Regulatory and Compliance
White Collar, Compliance &
Investigations
Wrongful Death / Catastrophic
Injury

EDUCATION

LL.M., cum laude, University of Alabama
(2014)
J.D., University of Alabama School of Law
(2008)
B.A., University of Virginia (2004)

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Tennessee

ACCOLADES



PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Named one of Birmingham's "Best of the Bar" attorneys for 2022 by the Birmingham Business Journal

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell ® Peer Review Ratings

Rising Star in Mid-South Super Lawyers ® magazine

Recognized as a leading litigation attorney under 40 years of age in Benchmark Litigation's annual Under 40 Hot List (2019 - 2021 editions)

Named a "Litigation Star" in Benchmark Litigation

Graduate of the 2016 Alabama Leadership Initiative

Graduate of the 2015 International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy

Graduate of the 2013 class of the Birmingham Bar Association's Future Leaders Forum

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Obtained a defense award for a nursing home and rehabilitation center in a wrongful death, medical malpractice action in a case involving allegations that the resident suffered numerous falls, the last of which resulted in a subdural hematoma that caused the resident's death.

Secured a dismissal of claims of medical malpractice and wrongful death against a local home health and hospice agency. Citing provisions of the Alabama Medical Liability Act regarding the necessity of expert testimony on the issues of standard of care and causation, Will obtained summary judgment in favor of his client.

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in a case involving a bilateral total joint replacement of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ).

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of a nursing home in a wrongful death case arising from allegations that a patient died from gastrointestinal bleeding, infection, and hemorrhage at a dialysis access site.

Obtained a defense verdict for an assisted living facility and the facility's executive director in a six-day arbitration hearing involving a resident's allegations of sexual assault.

Obtained complete dismissal of wrongful death claims against an international security management company.

Obtained summary judgment in favor of a local disaster-recovery contractor in a wrongful death lawsuit.

Obtained complete dismissal of all claims asserted against local-bank client and its president regarding allegations of false imprisonment, conspiracy, defamation, slander, and conversion. Affirmed by the Alabama Supreme Court.

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a franchisee of a world-wide fast-food restaurant in a premises-liability action.

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a repossession firm involving allegations of wrongful repossession, trespass, and conspiracy.

Obtained complete dismissal of wrongful death claims against a nursing home because the plaintiff failed to invoke the arbitration process.

Obtained dismissal of all claims against a local hospital on grounds the plaintiff failed to comply with the statute of limitations.

Obtained dismissal of claims against a local pharmacy accused of causing physical injury as a result of a misfilled prescription.

Obtained a summary judgment in favor an ambulance company in a suit involving an automobile accident.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

“Sexual Assault in Long-Term Care: Evaluating and Defending these Claims,” Alabama Nursing Home Defense Lawyers Association, Orange Beach, AL (April 2018).

“How to Prepare for and Defend Against Claims of Assault in the Long-Term Care Setting,” CLM Annual Conference (March 2018)

“Alabama’s Contractor Statute of Repose,” *The Alabama Roadbuilder* (Fall 2010)(co-author)

“Medical Literature: Friend and/or Foe in the Medical Malpractice Trial,” Defense Research Institute, Medical Liability and Healthcare Law Seminar (New Orleans, February 2012)

“From Sale to Science: An Overview of Alabama Dram-Shop Claims and the Impact of Scientific Expert Testimony,” *Alabama Defense Lawyers Association Journal* (Spring 2012)(co-author)

“Hot Topics in Nursing Home Litigation,” Alabama Nursing Home Association Conference (Spring 2016)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Will is a member of the Monday Morning Quarterback Club (Crippled Children’s Foundation) and previously served on the Executive Board of PreSchool Partners, a Birmingham non-profit organization dedicated to preparing children with quality preschool education.

FUN FACTS

Will and his wife have twin boys and a daughter. The “party of five” enjoy all things outdoors and pulling for the Alabama Crimson Tide and Virginia Cavaliers.

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