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Services

Personal Injury, Mass Torts / Hazardous Substances, Product Liability, Transportation, Insurance Litigation & Coverage,

John, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, is an experienced trial lawyer, having represented businesses and their insurers in cases involving personal injury, wrongful death, and commercial losses arising out of motor vehicle accidents, engineering and construction defects, work site accidents, product defects, dram shop & social host liability, negligent security, environmental and public nuisance, and general premises liability. Having handled cases through jury trial and appeal, he is also asked to advise businesses on their risk management and insurance needs.

In serving the profession, John is an active member of the American Bar Association (ABA), Tort Trial & Insurance Practice (TIPS) division, where he has been a vice-chair for various general committees, to include Self-Insurers and Risk Managers, Business Litigation, Litigation and Trial Practice, Toxic and Environmental Torts, and Products Liability. He currently serves as an editor for *The Brief* magazine and *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Journal*, both publications of ABA-TIPS. John is also a proud member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and past young-lawyer President for the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA).

John lives in Mobile, is married (Margaret Sue), and has two daughters (Margaret & Katherine). Their family is active in their church and contribute their time to area non-profits.

Publications

- AL.com: 26 Lawyers from Across the State Selected for Alabama State Bar's Leadership Program
- The Rebirth of the Sealed Container Defense for Retail Sellers in Alabama? Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (Spring 2013/Vol. 29/No. 1)

Education

J.D., Samford University Cumberland School of Law, (2003)
Troy University, (1999)

Licensed In

Alabama

Admitted In

U.S. District Court – Middle District of Alabama
U.S. District Court – Northern District of Alabama
U.S. District Court – Southern District of Alabama
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – Northern District of Alabama
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – Southern District of Alabama

Honors & Awards

- American Board of Trial Advocates, Alabama Chapter (Invited to Membership 2018)
- TIPS: Self-Insurers and Risk Managers General Committee, Vice-Chair (2017-2018)
- *Mobile Bay Magazine's* "40 Under 40" (2017-2018)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Personal Injury General: Defense (2016-2017)
- *Alabama Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Personal Injury Defense: General (2010, 2012-2015)
- Leadership Academy, TIPS, American Bar Association (2014-2015)
- Alabama Leadership Initiative (2015)
- Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum, Class 10 (2014)
- Leadership Mobile (2009)

Professional Associations

Mobile Bar Association
Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
Defense Research Institute
Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Journal, American Bar Association, Editorial Board
The Brief Magazine, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association, Editorial Board

Community Involvement

Mobile Public Library System, Board of Directors, Treasurer (2018)
YMCA of South Alabama, Inc., Volunteer of the Year (2015)
Government Street Presbyterian Church, Session and Diaconate Member
Mobile Downtown Alliance, Board of Directors
Junior League of Mobile, Advisory Council

Country Club of Mobile, Board Member

Experience

- Acted as trial counsel for national automobile parts retailer in numerous personal injury claims from their customers.
- Trial counsel for general construction firm defending against claims of a defective a buck hoist on a worksite.
- Bench trial representing contractor suing for reimbursement of retainage.
- Defended former broker at injunction hearing over non-compete agreements.
- Represented "mom and pop" strip mall against slip and fall claims.
- Handled underinsured/uninsured motorist coverage claims for national insurer.
- Litigation counsel for roofing contractor defending against wrongful death claim.
- Defended against claim of malicious prosecution by hotel employees.
- Have represented both sellers and manufacturers of goods in product liability actions.
- Conducted "walk-through" settlements for national insurer seeking confirmation of minor's (or pro ami) settlements.
- Represented hotel franchisee with claims against construction contractor involving liquidated damages and breach of contract.
- Defending trucking companies in cases involving operator or company negligence resulting in personal injury.
- Defended against allegations of violations of state liquor liability laws, i.e. Alabama dram shop and social host liability.
- Lead trial counsel for municipality in lawsuit alleging city owned garbage truck caused vehicle to run off road and cause injury.
- Defended banking institution from breach of account and fiduciary loss claims.
- Prosecuted wrongful trespass and quiet title actions for individuals and small businesses.
- Defended against breach of express and implied warranties causing commercial losses.
- Litigated on behalf of airplane engine maintenance contractor defending against claims of "aero toxic syndrome" caused by failures in airplane bleed air systems.
- Co-trial (and appellate) counsel representing road contractors in cases involving negligence in constructing, designing, or monitoring state and federal highway projects.
- Sought injunctive relief and later obtained appellate decision in favor of insurance brokerage with regard to the enforceability of arbitration agreements.
- Represented clients in real estate disputes regarding specific performance of sales contracts as well as adjoining landowners arguing over easements and rights of way.
- Represented airplane maintenance facility from toxic injury claims.
- Defended numerous claims from an anhydrous ammonia release.
- Worked with trust departments, banks and other commercial lending institutions with claims involving misuse of funds, wrongful foreclosures and slander of title claims.

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