



Denzel E. Okinedo

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“I chose this profession to help amplify the voice of the clients I represent and serve. As their advocate and counsel, my ultimate goal is to always protect their interests and help them achieve success in every respect.”

Denzel builds his client relationships on trust, believing that without it, you have nothing else. Denzel is an attorney in the Birmingham office where he serves as a member of the Economic Development team and practices in the firm’s Corporate & Tax Practice Group. Denzel also has significant experience in business/commercial litigation, consumer financial services litigation, political law, campaign and election compliance, and labor and employment matters.

Taking a collaborative approach to each matter, Denzel understands the importance of serving and leading a strong team. Moreover, Denzel’s diverse practice has afforded him valuable experiences, such as serving as counsel and policy strategist for a political campaign, providing support for the legal department of an international automotive manufacturer, and maintaining leadership roles in numerous community initiatives. In 2022, Denzel was awarded the NextGen BHM: Law Award by the *Birmingham Business Journal* and was recognized as an up-and-coming leader in the Birmingham business community.

When he is not working, Denzel spends time discussing and studying politics, music, traveling, watching movies, and playing golf.

Denzel is licensed in Alabama and he earned his J.D. from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. While obtaining his law degree, Denzel served as President of the Student Bar Association, board member of the Black Law Students Association,

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CAPABILITIES

Economic Development
Corporate Law
Government Relations
Commercial Litigation
Consumer Finance Litigation & Compliance
Financial Institution Disputes
Business Formation
Commercial Contracts
Mergers & Acquisitions

EDUCATION

J.D., Cumberland School of Law,
Samford University (2019)

B.A., Birmingham-Southern College
(2016)

LICENSED IN

Alabama

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a Judge Abraham Caruthers Teaching Fellow, and as a clerked as a legal extern for the Honorable Abdul K. Kallon in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Additionally, Denzel was a member of Cumberland's U.S. News top-ranked National Trial Team and the winner of the Judge James O. Haley Federal Trial Competition.

Prior to attending law school, Denzel earned his undergraduate degree from Birmingham-Southern College where he majored in political science with minors in religious studies and human rights & conflict studies. At Birmingham-Southern, Denzel served as President of the Student Government Association, was a Ronald & Donne C. Hess Fellow, and was the recipient of the David J. Vann Award in Political Science.

Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® Commercial Litigation (2024), Corporate Law (2024), Government Relations Practice (2024)
- Birmingham Business Journal, *NextGen: Top Law Award Recipient* (2022)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Business Litigation (2021-2022)
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Scholarship Award Recipient (2020-2021)
- Judge James O. Haley Federal Trial Competition Winner (2018)
- Russomanno Leadership Award Recipient (2018)
- Magic City Bar Association Outstanding Legal Scholarship Award Recipient (2017)
- Judge Abraham Caruthers Fellow (2017-2018)

News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 244 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Birmingham Business Journal Profiles Denzel Okinedo as NextGEN Law Honoree
Firm News, 12.08.2021
- Birmingham Business Journal Recognizes Burr & Forman's Denzel Okinedo in the NextGen BHM: Law Awards for 2021

Illinois

New Jersey

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

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Firm News, 10.15.2021

- Anna Akers and Denzel Okinedo Selected to Birmingham Bar's 2021 Future Leaders Forum
Firm News, 05.24.2021
- Burr's Al Teel and Denzel Okinedo Elected as Executive Board Members for the Birmingham Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section
Firm News, 12.14.2020

Speaking Engagements

- Live CLE Webinar: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Panel Presentation
Speaking Engagement, 10.21.2021
- University of Alabama Pre-Law Student Association Meeting
Speaking Engagement, 11.20.2020

Articles

- Georgia Appellate Court Overturns Lower Court's Denial of Bond Incentives for Rivian Investment
Article, 06.30.2023
- Alabama Enacts "The Game Plan": Legislation to Enhance the State's Economic Growth
Article, 06.27.2023
- The Status of Alabama Campaign Finance Issues
Articles / Publications, 07.05.2022
- United States Campaign Legislation Update
Articles / Publications, 07.05.2022
- U.S. House Passes Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act
TILA, 05.20.2021

Civic Activities

- Phoenix Club of Birmingham
- Glenn Iris Elementary Book Club

Professional Activities

- The Randolph School, Board of Trustees Member
- Birmingham-Southern College, Young Alumni Council President-Elect
- Birmingham Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section Vice President of Social
- Birmingham Bar Association's Future Leaders Forum, Class of 2021
- Magic City Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section Chair

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- Alabama State Bar: Helping Heroes in Healthcare Task Force
- Judge James Edwin Horton American Inn of Court