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Devoted and driven, Joshua Metcalf never slows down. Always giving 100% of his effort to his work, Joshua has been organizing the defense of complex cases nationwide for more than 20 years, building a respected reputation in that time. Having learned the need for attention to detail during his tenure at the Virginia Military Institute, Joshua uses his strong desire to serve and his relentless work ethic to offer his clients a detail-focused but efficient representation, which emphasizes creative strategies and a thorough deconstruction of his opponent's case. Vowing never to be outworked or out-prepared, Joshua offers clients a strong legal voice and an organized defense to help them identify the issues that really matter to them and to their cases, and to implement appropriate plans to ensure success from both a legal and business perspective. With an insatiable intellectual curiosity, Joshua loves digging into complex medical and scientific issues, and enjoys collaborating with the talented members of his team to produce a consistently excellent product for his clients. For Joshua, business is personal and, as his clients can attest, a close working relationship and regular communication is at the heart of any engagement with Joshua and his team. Joshua carries this same focused intensity with him away from work, which is reflected in his commitment to his community and his dedication to his wife and four children. If he is not in his office or on the road for a client, chances are you will find him with his wife and kids - at a gymnastics meet or baseball game, on a campout, or doing tractor therapy at the family's tree farm.

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.
- Virginia Military Institute, B.A.
- University of St Andrews, Scotland, Study Abroad Program

Bar Admissions

- Mississippi, 2001
- Tennessee, 2007
- Texas, 2010
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- United States Supreme Court

Clerkship

- Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Tucker L. Melancon, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

Important Litigation Involvement

- Coordinates the national defense for multiple Fortune 500 companies, developing defense strategy, negotiating settlements, and ensuring the efficient defense of all matters
- Coordinates the defense of numerous claims for noise-induced hearing loss
- Regularly litigates construction claims, obtaining numerous judgments and favorable outcomes on behalf of material suppliers
- Has defended thousands of claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by organic solvents, formaldehyde, and numerous other industrial chemicals and substances
- Coordinated the defense of more than 1,500 claims of exposure to dioxin, pentachlorophenol and creosote, achieving a very favorable outcome for the client

Professional Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2019-2024): Litigation - Environmental
- Selected to Mid-South Super Lawyers (2019-2023)

- Selected to Mid-South Rising Stars (2010-2016)



Leaders in Law (2013)



Organization/Committee Memberships

- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- The Mississippi Bar
- Tennessee Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- The Trial Network
 - Executive Committee, Secretary (2023)
 - Executive Committee, Officer-at-Large (2022)
 - Program Review Committee (2021-22)
 - Conference Co-Chair, Litigation Lessons Under the Sonoran Sky (2022)
 - Conference Co-Chair, "In-House and Outside Counsel In Sync and In Person" (2021)
 - Conference Co-Chair, Litigation Management Supercourse (2015)

Speaking Engagements

- "Blockchain, Smart Contracts and Cryptocurrency: Addressing Litigation Risks," Panelist, The Trial Network, April 2022, Marana, Arizona
- "BYOD, not BYOB — E-Discovery in the Workplace," Panelist, The Trial Network, November 2021, Kiawah Island, South Carolina

- "Finding Your Voice: Strategies for Preparing for and Defending 30(b)(6) Depositions," Summit V, May 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana
- "Think Inside the Box: When to Enlist Jury Consultants and Conduct Pretrial Research," Network of Trial Law Firms, April 2019, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
- "We Can Work it Out: Strategies for Successful Mediations," Panelist, Network of Trial Law Firms, October 2018, San Mateo, California
- "Lessons Learned from Mass Litigation," Panelist, Network of Trial Law Firms, August 2018, New York, New York
- "Setting Reserves for Claims and Litigation," In-House Counsel Finding Sanctuary, October 2016, Kiawah Island, South Carolina
- "Avoiding Forum Shopping by Plaintiff Counsel," Litigation Management in a New York Minute 2016 Edition, August 2016, New York, New York
- "Personal Jurisdiction after *Daimler AG v. Bauman*," Litigation Management Conference: Getting Great Results, April 2016, Phoenix, Arizona
- "Avoiding Forum Shopping - Daimler Chrysler v. Bauman and Progeny," Network of Trial Law Firms Litigation Management Conference, October 2015, Laguna Beach, California
- Co-Chair, Litigation Management in a New York Minute - A Concentrated Curriculum For In-House Counsel Managing Litigation. Network of Trial Law Firms, August 2015, New York, New York
- "Avoiding Discovery Sanctions: Keeping Your Client out of the Crosshairs," Network of Trial Law Firms Litigation Management Conference, April 2015, Napa, California
- "Lung Cancer: Preparing for and Cross-Examining Experts (what to look for in medical records)," DRI Asbestos Medicine Conference, November 2014, San Francisco, California

Pro Bono & Community Service

- Greater Belhaven Neighborhood Foundation
- Mississippi Volunteers Lawyers Project
- UVA Law Regional Annual Giving Manager, Mississippi Region
- Elder Board, Fondren Church
- Certified Pesticide Applicator
- Tuscola Pines - Forestry & Wildlife Conservation
 - MACD (Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts) 2022 Central Area Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist Award recipient
 - Leake County Soil and Water Conservation District 2021 Outstanding Tree Farmer/Wildlife Management Award recipient

Previous Experience

- Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Tucker L. Melancon, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

Other Office Location

- Houston, Texas

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Asbestos
- Chemical & Mold Exposure
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Environmental Litigation
- Hearing Loss
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability
- Cryptocurrency
- Pesticide