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With the tenacity of a relentless detective, Mandie finds that the small, hidden details about a client or a particular case are by far the most important and the most fascinating. With a serious passion for deep research, Mandie loves finding the buried facts that can give her clients success and peace. Mandie offers more than a mere legal opinion, always finding new avenues and options to explore to help her client with current problems, as well as avoiding future issues. With determination, strength, and expertise, she is praised by her coworkers and current clients for being persistent in her work effort and never allowing adversity keep her from the goal - which is always the client's satisfaction. Clients feel a sense of security and confidence stepping into Mandie's office, because they know they are working with someone who loves her job and works exhaustively with a smile on her face. In Mandie's opinion, life is too short and too precious to waste time doing something with which you are not 100% in love, a belief manifested in her great work at FormanWatkins.

Education

- Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. 2001, *magna cum laude*
- Delta State University, B.A. History, Fall 1997

Bar Admissions

- Mississippi, 2001
- U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- All Mississippi State Courts, including the Mississippi Supreme Court

Important Litigation Involvement

- Defense of multi-million dollar property damage claims and bad faith allegations against insurer in Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina
- Defense of dram-shop claims against Gulf Coast Casino
- Successfully defended multi-million dollar allegations against corporation claiming theft of a competitor's trade secrets and corporate raiding of employees, then obtaining sizeable settlement award to conclude counterclaims based on misconduct of plaintiff and its attorneys during underlying suit
- Successfully pursued contract litigation against the buyer of a commercial building seeking judgment that an amendment to the contract waiving the buyers' rights to a return of the escrow deposit was enforceable, despite the fact that the amendment had not been signed by all sellers before the buyers attempted its revocation. Judgment granted by the Mississippi Court of Appeals at 43 So.3d 1138 (buyers' requests for *writ of certiorari* from Supreme Court denied at 49 So.3d 106)
- Compelled arbitration of lawsuit filed in federal district court by former president of \$100 million subsidiary of a publicly traded company and, after the close of discovery involving production of thousands of documents and multiple depositions, obtained summary judgment on all of plaintiff's remaining claims. The plaintiff's motion to vacate the arbitration award before the district court (2012 WL 718876) was defeated thereafter.
- Obtained judgment of dismissal from Mississippi Supreme Court in favor of successor lender, who had purchased mortgage loan from bankrupt lender, from borrower's claims of fraud on basis that borrower's claims had already been disallowed in the bankruptcy of the prior lender and were thus barred. (17 So. 3d 1087)
- Successfully defended lender for claims made by victim of identity theft, obtaining summary judgment on claims for malicious prosecution and emotional distress and only \$503 verdict for negligence, which was affirmed on appeal by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals (212 Fed. Appx. 334)
- Obtained dismissal of wrongful death claim involving juvenile killed in collision on ATV with tractor trailer, after intervening in estate action, removing administrator who filed suit, and negotiating dismissal and release with successor administrator for mere cost of her expenses
- Obtained summary judgment from circuit court in favor of insurance company from claims by previous beneficiary under life insurance policy that the beneficiary designation had been fraudulently changed following the insured's death

Professional Recognition

- FormanWatkins Pro Bono Star, 2021
- Selected to Mid-South Rising Stars (2013-2016)
- Martindale-Hubbell DistinguishedSM Peer Review Rating



Organization/Committee Memberships

- The Mississippi Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Publications

- "EPA Study Released: No Evidence that Hydraulic Fracturing has Systemic Impact on Drinking Water," IADC Environmental and Energy Law Committee Newsletter, July 2015.
- "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On: The Second Verse: Continued Studies Linking Fracking and Earthquakes," IADC Environmental and Energy Law Committee Newsletter, May 2015.
- "Enforcement of Arbitration Agreements by and against Non-Signatories," IADC Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Newsletter, November 2014.
- "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On": Recent Studies Link Fracking and Earthquakes, IADC Environmental and Energy Law Committee Newsletter, September, 2014.

Pro Bono & Community Service

- Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project
- Stewpot Community Services Legal Clinic
- Wills for Heroes

Law School Honors & Awards

- Delta Theta Phi Officer
- Charles Clark Chapter of the American Inns of Court, Pupil
- Mississippi College Law Review, Production Editor

- American Jurisprudence Awards - Civil Procedure I, Property I, Secured Transactions, Trademarks & Unfair Competition

Previous Experience

- Heidelberg & Woodliff, P.A., Associate 2001-2002, General Commercial Litigation

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability
- Premises Liability
- Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith Defense
- Personal Injury
- Professional Liability