

Mississippi Business Journal Recognizes Alison O'Neal McMinn as Leading Business Woman

FormanWatkins congratulates Partner, Alison O'Neal McMinn, for being selected for the 2021 Class of the *Mississippi Business Journal's* 50 Leading Business Women. The *Mississippi Business Journal* honors women who are powerful, influential business leaders in Mississippi. As senior decision-makers, this group of Leading Business Women is making a significant impact on the economy of our state, local businesses, and communities.

Alison is a Partner in our Jackson, Mississippi office. She is a litigator, and has taken cases from inception to trial and through the appellate process. Upon graduation from law school, Alison clerked for Judge Leslie D. King of the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Following her clerkship, Alison was an associate in our Jackson office where she managed a large docket of asbestos products liability cases with complex discovery and motion practice, and was also a member of the trial team for six asbestos product liability trials. Alison also served as Special Assistant Attorney General in both the Civil Litigation and Consumer Protection Divisions of the Mississippi Attorney General's office. At the AG's office, Alison defended the State in various civil matters in jurisdictions throughout the state. Additionally, she had the opportunity to prosecute criminal cases which included both white collar and violent crimes. Alison's practice currently focuses on Toxic Tort Litigation, including Environmental and Products Liability cases. Most recently, Alison successfully argued an appeal before the Fifth Circuit and defended and won an appeal before the Fourth Circuit. Alison is recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*®, Martindale-Hubbell® (Preeminent AV rated), Mid-South Super Lawyers®, the *Mississippi Business Journal* as a Top 50 under 40 Business Leader and a Leader in Law, *Portico Jackson Magazine* as a PORTICO 10 Attorney, and is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Greater Jackson.

Alison is committed to volunteerism and chairs the firm's inaugural Pro Bono Committee. She previously served as co-chair of the Capitol Area Bar Association Women's Initiative Committee, the SOLACE liaison for the Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar, co-chair of both the Diversity and Membership Committees for the Jackson Young Lawyer Division of the Mississippi Bar, and served on the Women in the Profession Committee of the Mississippi Bar. Alison also served in leadership roles in the Junior League of Jackson, Mississippi Children's Home Service Auxiliary, and the Jackson Area Delta Gamma Alumnae Group. Alison is currently serving on the Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice - Opportunities for Treatment Committee and is treasurer of the Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.