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Fueled by challenge and change, Mitch never hesitates to go outside of his comfort zone. Whether that means taking on a difficult case, studying graphic design as an undergraduate to stretch and broaden himself and his abilities, or shifting his legal career from New York to Jackson, Mitch never takes the easy way out. His clients can be sure that he will apply the same rigorous creative curiosity and work ethic toward their cases. Mitch is a lawyer who cares deeply about people. That affection is shown first and foremost in his family, a wife and two daughters, yet another wonderful challenge! Beyond his family, Mitch has a love for community and fellowship, and he provides his full attention to his clients, forming personal relationships and using every possible asset to offer them quick, creative solutions. Long hours writing briefs or collaborating with his coworkers are all worth it for Mitch as he strives to offer his clients innovative and stable solutions with a broader impact than the immediate case.

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.
- Auburn University, B.S. Business Administration
- Auburn University, B.A. Graphic Design

Bar Admissions

- New York, 2011
- Mississippi, 2015
- U.S. District Courts for Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Clerkship

- Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Rhesa H. Barksdale, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Important Litigation Involvement

- Currently serves as national coordinating counsel for asbestos claims of two Fortune 500 companies, litigating product and premises liability claims, developing national and jurisdictional defense strategy, and negotiating settlements
- Drafted Daubert and summary judgment briefing and assisted in cross-examination of experts, resulting in exclusion of causation expert and grant of summary judgment for alleged environmental exposure claims; *Boyer v. Weyerhaeuser Co.*, 2016 WL 705233 (W.D. Wis. Feb. 19, 2016)
- Drafted appellate briefing, resulting in affirmed dismissal of counseling malpractice claim; Alabama Supreme Court, *McElveen v. Family Services Center*
- Represented coaches in factual development and investigation, preparation for NCAA interviews, and drafted involved individual response to notices of allegation; NCAA Committee on Infractions
- Served as member of litigation team in largest bankruptcy in U.S. history, representing Chapter 11 Estate of investment bank in adversary proceedings against other international financial institutions, drafting dispositive motions, defending depositions, and developing expert reports; Southern District of New York
- Represented Chapter 11 Estate of large investment bank in adversary proceedings against other international financial institutions

Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch, 2021: Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Selected to Mid-South Rising Stars (2019-2020)
- FormanWatkins Pro Bono Star, 2020
- Selected as one of *Mississippi Business Journal's* 2019 Leaders in Law





Organization/Committee Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar, Young Lawyers Division
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association

Speaking Engagements

- "Environmental and Household Exposures," HarrisMartin Asbestos Litigation Conference: Talc and Other Unique Exposures, May 2016, Charleston, South Carolina

Publications

- "Direct-to-Consumer 3D Printing Protection: Searching for a Predictable Liability Regime," *For the Defense*, DRI, Vol. 58, No. 11 (November 2016)

Law School Honors & Awards

- Editor-in-Chief, Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal
- President, Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association
- Pro Bono Challenge Recipient

Practice Areas

- Asbestos
- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Indemnity & Additional Insurance
- Product Liability

- Premises Liability
- FW Sports Management
- NCAA Compliance