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With Nick, reputation counts and his word matters. As an attorney, Nick is driven by the personal investment and partnership he forms with his clients to push through adversity and achieve the best possible outcome. Treating the client's problems as his problems, Nick offers genuine care and smart, strategic methods that get his clients great results. Nick is driven also by the unpredictability of law, and works hard to be completely prepared to represent his client in all situations. Nick is an adaptive individual who offers perspective accompanied by competitive dedication. Above all, when working with Nick, clients can expect to develop a personal relationship with a trustworthy attorney who is personally invested in them and who will push through the long hours and twists and turns of litigation to achieve the client's goals.

Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
- Mississippi State University, B.B.A. Management

Bar Admissions

- Mississippi, 2003
- Texas, 2011
- Illinois, 2014
- Missouri, 2017
- Washington, 2020

Important Litigation Involvement

- Responsible for the local defense of products liability and premises liability defendants in Texas, Illinois and Missouri asbestos litigation
- Drafted and argued dozens of dispositive motions in numerous state court litigation matters throughout the United States
- Involved in the day-to-day management of the national defense coordination for clients in both premises and products litigation, with responsibility for the development and implementation of overall defense strategy, settlement strategy, and trial strategy
- Trial experience defending premises defendant in three week trial in Oregon involving claims of asbestos exposure at client's facility. Involvement concluded with successful argument to vacate jury award based upon plaintiff's failure to produce certain exposure evidence in discovery.
- Trial experience defending premises defendant in two week trial in Washington involving claims of asbestos exposure at client's facility. Involvement included responsibility for direct and cross-examination of experts and arguing pre-trial evidentiary issues.
- Defended client involved in multi-plaintiff litigation in which claimants alleged neurological, respiratory, and cardiovascular injuries as a result of occupational chemical exposures. Involvement included participation in two week trial before the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Committee

Professional Recognition

- Selected to Mid-South Super Lawyers (2020-2023)
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating
- Selected as one of *Mississippi Business Journal's* 2018 Leaders in Law
- Selected as a PORTICO 10 Attorney by *Portico Jackson Magazine* (2018)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2016-2024): Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Selected to Mid-South Rising Stars (2014-2016)





Organization/Committee Memberships

- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association
- The Mississippi Bar
- Texas Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- The Washington Bar
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar
- FormanWatkins Diversity Committee
- FormanWatkins Recruiting Committee
- The Arc of Mississippi, Past President for Board of Directors

Speaking Engagements

- "Benefiting from Evolving Causation Standards," American Conference Institute Seminar
- "The White Male Perspective," Perrin Diversity & Inclusion Conference (2018)
- "Lung Cancer Claims in Asbestos Litigation," Perrin National Asbestos Conference (2018)

Pro Bono & Community Service

- Mississippi Children's Home Services
- The Arc of Mississippi, President, Board of Directors
- Stewpot Community Services Legal Clinic
- Mississippi Center for Justice Educational Advocacy Program

Law School Honors & Awards

- Mississippi Law Journal

Previous Experience

- Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Office of General Counsel, Legal Intern
- American Home Products, Government Relations Intern

Other Office Location

- Houston, Texas

Practice Areas

- Asbestos
- National Coordinating Counsel
- Product Liability
- Premises Liability
- Personal Injury