



Jason S. Stewart

Partner

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Jason Stewart has gained deep experience and broad recognition over more than ten years practicing in venues across Georgia and Florida. He is consistently recognized by organizations that rate attorneys by peer recognition and professional achievement. Focused on Transportation defense, Jason has an active practice and background that encompasses commercial litigation and representation of insureds and companies in a wide range of matters, including complex tort & general casualty, commercial litigation, insurance coverage, construction defect, public-entity liability, surplus lines and toxic torts.

Jason joined Wilson Elser from a leadership position at a Georgia-based defense firm that handles complex litigation throughout the United States. He also gained experience at two solid defense firms in Florida. This presence offers clients a distinctive choice in navigating the Southeast legal scene.

Transportation

Transportation defense has been a focus of Jason's practice for the past four years, particularly representing motor carriers. Jason is a member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA).

As a member of Wilson Elser's Transportation Practice, Jason enjoys the advantages of working with a nationwide team of formidable industry veterans and respected trial lawyers whose skills are directed at achieving a successful result from the outset. Combining progressive and established defense capabilities with years of proven litigation experience, practice attorneys consistently provide clients in the transportation industry and their insurers with sound and uncompromising representation.

Education

Services

- Transportation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Commercial Litigation

- St. Thomas University School of Law (J.D., 2010)
 - *cum laude*
 - Book Awards for Highest Grades in Trial Advocacy Practice and Sales and International Transactions
 - member, St. Thomas Moot Court Honor Board
- Duke University (A.B. Political Science, 2005)

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- Florida

Court Admissions

- Georgia Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Professional Affiliations

- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch™*, 2023-2026
- Selected by The National Black Lawyers, Top 100 for the State of Georgia, 2024
- Selected by Georgia Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™, 2022
- Selected by Georgia National Black Lawyers, “Top 100 Lawyers” and “Top 40 Under 40,” 2021
- Selected by Florida National Black Lawyers, “Top 40 Under 40,” 2016–2017

Representative Matters

Obtained an appellate order vacating a Georgia trial court’s decision levying sanctions against an interstate motor carrier for spoliation of evidence, arguing trial court’s decision was an abuse of discretion. *Cowan Systems, LLC v. Larry Collier*, 865 S.E.2d 619 (Ga. Ct. App. 2021).

Obtained a defense verdict in favor of an automotive transportation company sued in Georgia state court after a motor vehicle accident in another state (2019); defense verdict

upheld on appeal in *Eugene Smith v. Laney, et. al.*, 358 Ga. App. 754 (2021).

Obtained a partial summary judgment in favor of an interstate motor carrier and its commercial driver on injured motorist's claims of negligence and punitive damages in a federal court in Georgia (2019).

Obtained a summary judgment in a wrongful death case in favor of a commercial real estate developer/contractor in Florida state court, arguing developer/contractor was immune from liability under workers' compensation immunity (2017).

Obtained an order in a wrongful death suit dismissing claims against a commercial real estate developer in Florida state court, arguing that the developer, as landowner, was not liable for intentional actions of a third party (2016).

Publications

Summer 2022

Georgia Defense Lawyer Publishes Stewart's Article on Litigating an Allegation of Spoliation of Evidence

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