



S. Brett Holsombeck

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Brett Holsombeck practices in a wide variety of civil litigation matters, specializing in defending clients against claims of personal injury, catastrophic injury and wrongful death across various practice areas. Brett has significant experience litigating commercial transportation, product liability and premises liability cases in state and federal courts throughout Alabama. Brett is routinely retained by companies and casualty insurance carriers to oversee high-exposure cases, and he is part of the Wilson Elser team that serves as national and regional counsel for several international clients.

In addition, Brett regularly represents businesses and insurance carriers in commercial matters. For example, he has successfully defended insurance companies in direct actions involving claims of breach of contract, outrage and “bad faith”; construction entities in bet-the-company litigation; and businesses in cases involving allegations of fraud, shareholder oppression and antitrust violations. Brett also has extensive experience litigating consumer and commercial class actions, mass actions and multidistrict litigation.

Brett is an active member of the Birmingham Bar Association, Alabama State Bar and American Bar Association. He currently serves as President of the Alabama State Bar Young Lawyers Section and is a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

Transportation

Brett serves on a team of transportation attorneys that specialize in the defense of private fleet owners and major commercial motor carriers throughout the continental United States.

Education

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Transportation
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Class Action
- Commercial Litigation

- University of Alabama School of Law (J.D., 2014)
 - Managing Editor, The Journal of the Legal Profession
- University of Alabama (B.A., 2010)

Bar Admissions

- Alabama

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Supreme Court of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

Professional Affiliations

- Alabama State Bar, Young Lawyers Section, President, 2022-2023
- Birmingham Bar Association
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- Shores-Lee Inn of Court

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers® Rising Star™ Personal Injury-Defense, 2020-2022

Representative Matters

Obtained dismissal of global manufacturer of electronics in a wrongful death lawsuit involving allegations that a defective product led to a house fire and death of decedent.

Represented a crane and rigging company in a third-party indemnity lawsuit arising out of two catastrophic injuries to workers renovating a college football stadium.

Represented a utility company in a wrongful death lawsuit arising out of a commercial motor vehicle accident.

Represented a national insurance carrier in an underinsured motorist case arising out of a

multi-death commercial vehicle accident.

Represented a global chemical company in a premises liability lawsuit involving a fall from an elevated workspace.

Represented a pyrotechnic company in a products liability lawsuit arising out of an alleged defect that led to a shell being fired into a crowd of spectators.

Represented a local business on behalf of a statewide class of 140,000 Alabama businesses involving claims under the Alabama Taxpayer Bill of Rights.

Represented a minority shareholder in a dispute against former business partners in a case involving minority oppression, breach of contract and fraud.