



## Vonnetta L. Benjamin

Of Counsel

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Vonnetta L. Benjamin has more than 15 years of experience practicing as a detail-oriented litigator focused on products liability, complex business litigation, transportation and medical malpractice matters in federal and state courts across the United States.

Vonnetta's great attention to detail enables her to move seamlessly from managing a case where the key issues surround a particular product to a case where she must home in on the side effects of a particular drug. Vonnetta ensures that she understands how her clients and their representatives function best so that she can effectively advise them on matters from pre-suit phases to the efficient resolution of any formal lawsuits.

### Transportation

Vonnetta represents a leading transportation client in all types of liability matters, including personal injury and wrongful death claims. Vonnetta also is a member of the firm's 24/7 response program, which ensures that team members are engaged during the first critical hours following a major incident.

### Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2003)
- University of Georgia (B.S./ B.A., 2000)
  - First Honor Graduate, summa cum laude

### Bar Admissions

- Georgia

### Court Admissions

### Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Transportation

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia

### **Professional Affiliations**

- National Bar Association
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Harvard Club of Georgia

### **Awards & Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® *Women in Law*, 2025

## **Client Wins**

### **Washburn and Benjamin Granted Motions to Dismiss in Service Animal Case**

Lee Washburn (Partner-Atlanta, GA) and Vernetta Benjamin (Of Counsel-Atlanta, GA) defended an international operator of governmental transit systems in a case in which the plaintiff alleged the firm's client violated the ADA's requirements for reasonable accommodations and discriminated against him on the basis of his disability by allegedly denying him the use of his service animal while riding aboard a local transit bus. The plaintiff alleged multiple instances of discrimination and ADA violations, and sued the firm's client and its employee as well as the local governmental transit authority on whose behalf the firm's client was operating. Lee and Vernetta filed Motions to Dismiss on behalf of all the defendants asserting that the client had not denied the plaintiff a reasonable accommodation and in fact was in compliance with the ADA's requirements for service animals. The court agreed and granted the Motions to Dismiss, dismissing all of the plaintiff's claims with prejudice.