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William M. (Matt) Vines is an accomplished trial lawyer with extensive litigation experience representing clients in a wide spectrum of civil matters, including motor vehicle accident claims, premises liability claims, products liability claims, construction defect claims, and professional liability claims. He also has substantial experience in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.

With extensive trial experience in the state and federal courts of Mississippi, Matt has represented numerous clients before the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Mississippi Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He has more than 40 published decisions.

Matt has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi School of Law (teaching civil litigation courses) and Belhaven University (teaching business law and business ethics courses). He has authored scholarly works published by the *Journal of Mississippi History* and the Society for American Baseball Research.

Highly regarded among his peers, Matt has received the highest possible peer-review rating (AV Preeminent) by Martindale-Hubbell in both legal ability and ethical standards, reflecting the confidential opinions of members of the bar and the judiciary. He also has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, one of the oldest and most respected peer-reviewed guides to the legal profession in the United States.

Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law (J.D., 1994)
 - Phi Delta Phi
 - Moot Court Board

Services

- Appellate
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Life Sciences
- National Trial Team
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

- Reformed Theological Seminary (M.A., 2018)
- Lipscomb University (B.A., 1991)

Bar Admissions

- Mississippi

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Mississippi
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi

Professional Affiliations

- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- American Inns of Court – Charles Clark Chapter

Awards & Honors

- Rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America, 2013–2025

Representative Matters

Handled numerous investigations of commercial motor vehicle fatality and catastrophic accidents.

Represented design professionals (architects and engineers) in numerous E&O claims.

Represented contractors and subcontractors in construction defect claims.

Represented various product manufacturers in product liability claims.

Represented insurers in coverage claims and litigation, including bad faith claims and litigation.

Represented retailers in premises liability cases, including claims involving criminal acts by third parties.

Represented school districts in claims of abuse against students.

Selected Published Decisions

Pace v. Cirrus Design Corp., 630 F.Supp.3d 821 (S.D. Miss. 2022)

Mitchell v. Pearl Pub. Sch. Dist., 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12038 (S.D. Miss. 2022)

Haynes v. Fed. Ins. Co. et al., 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 46736 (N.D. Miss. 2022)

Rutland v. Burroughs, 334 So.3d 469 (Miss. Ct. App. 2022)

469 County Road Baldwin Prop., LLC v. Manchester Anika, 2019 WL 3806376 (N.D. Miss. 2019)

Beach v. Crace, 2019 WL 13100580 (S.D. Miss. 2019)

Stone v. Kroger Limited Partnership, LP, 736 Fed. Appx. 513 (5th Cir. 2018)

Newell v. Lexington Ins. Co., 2016 WL 9414142 (S.D. Miss. 2016)

Nathaniel v. Kroger, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 83762 (S.D. Miss. 2016)

Gordon v. The Kroger Company, 2016 WL 1047900 (S.D. Miss. 2016)

Shropshire v. The Kroger Company, 2014 WL 5473114 (S.D. Miss. 2014)

Colony Ins. Co. v. Ambling Mgmt. Co, LLC et al, 965 F. Supp. 2d 783 (S.D. Miss. 2013)

Johnson v. Jackson Partners, L.P., et al., 2013 WL 3280351 (S.D. Miss. 2013)

Mehrtens v. America's Thrift Stores, Inc., 2011 WL 2111085 (S.D. Miss. 2011)

Moore v. M&M Logging, Inc., 51 So. 3d 216 (Miss. Ct. App. 2010)

Pittman v. Dykes Timber Co., Inc., 18 So. 3d 923 (Miss. Ct. App. 2009)

Haycraft v. Mid-State Construction Co., 915 So. 2d 1117 (Miss. Ct. App. 2005)

Certain London Market Ins. Cos. v. Penn. Nat. Mut. Cas. Ins. Co., 106 Fed. Appx. 884 (5th Cir. 2004); 269 F. Supp.2d 722 (N.D. Miss. 2003)

Hubbard v. Methodist Conf. of the United Methodist Ch., 138 F. Supp. 2d 780 (S.D. Miss. 2001)

American States Ins. Co. v. Natchez Steam Laundry, Inc., 131 F.3d 551 (5th Cir. 1998)

Home Builders Assoc. of Miss. v. City of Madison, Miss., et al., 143 F.3d 1006 (5th Cir.

1998); 10 F. Supp. 2d 617 (S.D. Miss. 1997)

Land v. USF&G, 78 F.3d 187 (5th Cir. 1996)

Jackson v. Miss. Farm Bureau Mut. Ins. Co., 947 F. Supp. 252 (S.D. Miss. 1996)

Simmons v. USF&G, 675 So. 2d 1284 (Miss. Ct. App. 1995)