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LIGHTFOOT WINS FDCPA CASE IN 11TH CIRCUIT

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC partner **Sanford G. Hooper** and associate **Rachelle E. Sanchez** recently won a case before the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The matter was on appeal from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, where Hooper and Sanchez secured a summary judgment in favor of their client.

The firm's client faced a claim under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA). The trial court granted summary judgment in the client's favor and the plaintiff appealed. At the 11th Circuit, a three-judge panel agreed with Hooper and Sanchez's arguments and affirmed the summary judgment.

Hooper focuses his practice on product liability, premises liability, transportation litigation and medical device litigation. In particular, he has extensive experience in defending automobile and heavy truck manufacturers and motor carriers in suits arising from catastrophic accidents. He also defends medical device companies, suppliers of automotive components and a railroad service provider.

Sanchez is a former criminal prosecutor with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Arizona, where she gained significant trial experience. Her defense litigation practice focuses on healthcare, product liability and automotive cases.