Lightfoot

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Amaobi Enyinnia brings a versatile and comprehensive approach to problem-solving and litigation.

Amaobi represents major automakers, original equipment manufacturers, motor carriers, aerospace companies and other industry-leading clients in product liability and transportation industry disputes. He also handles employment, white-collar, investigative, and commercial matters for high-level executives, businesses, governmental and municipal entities, and commercial landlords. In addition, Amaobi defends physicians confronting medical malpractice claims.

Over his years in practice, Amaobi has learned that successful client relationships depend on clear communication and robust collaboration. He understands that to meet their unique goals, each client needs a lawyer who can clearly communicate on case developments, establish objectives, and develop convincing narratives for trial. Therefore, Amaobi approaches each case with an open mind, leaving no stone unturned when considering fact patterns and mapping out a strategy.

With the help of his self-described “grit-and-grind” mentality, Amaobi applies his prior business experience and time working in government and clinical settings to advance a client’s goals and develop efficient solutions that “move the ball forward.” Recent examples of his work include:

- Working with the engineers from a commercial vehicle supplier to show that key dashcam evidence a plaintiff relied on as part of a $720 million lawsuit was unreliable based on how the company’s allegedly-malfunctional brake valves actually worked. After Amaobi requested dismissal of the plaintiff’s case on these grounds, the plaintiffs agreed and dismissed all claims.
- Securing favorable settlements tied to wrongful death cases in Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia against a prominent automotive manufacturer.

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive
Aviation & Aerospace
Catastrophic Injury
Commercial Litigation
Complex Government Litigation & Investigations
Commercial Transportation
Employment Law
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Healthcare
Product Liability
White-Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations
Consumer Claims Defense

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
Vanderbilt University (B.A.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Georgia

- Settling a $1.7 million demand against a multinational equipment rental company for a fraction of the amount.
- Recovering back rent and judgments against multiple tenants that had reneged on their leases with a commercial landlord.
- Helping a municipal government navigate through negotiations tied to a decade-long lawsuit addressing renovation and redevelopment plans for a historic, city-owned building.

Amaobi, a Georgia- and Alabama-licensed litigator who was born to Nigerian immigrants, devotes substantial time to furthering the firm's inclusion initiatives and creating opportunities for underrepresented minorities in the profession. He plays a key role as a member of Lightfoot's Inclusion Committee, and serves as a resource for recent law graduates through his work with the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) chapters. Amaobi also serves as a board member with the University of Tennessee Alumni Association's Birmingham Alumni Chapter.

Outside the office, Amaobi cheers on the Memphis Grizzlies, Vanderbilt Commodores, Tennessee Titans, Atlanta Braves, Nashville Predators, U.S. and Nigerian national soccer teams, and is an enthusiastic Formula 1 fan. He is an avid student of U.S. history (especially Theodore Roosevelt), and enjoys traveling to Nigeria and other countries. His other pastimes include reading and actively keeping up with current events, foreign affairs, and the latest technology.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

Alabama State Bar

Birmingham Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section (2022-23)

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

The Eleventh Circuit Historical Society

Order of the Coif

Magic City Bar Association

State Bar of Georgia

University of Tennessee Birmingham Alumni Chapter

AWARDS

Benchmark Litigation, "40 & Under Hot List" (2026)

The Best Lawyers in America© "Ones to Watch" by BL Rankings — Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability (2023-2027)

Birmingham Business Journal, "Top 40 Under 40" (2025)

Birmingham Business Journal, "NextGen BHM: Law Honoree" (2023)

The National Black Lawyers, "Alabama's Top 40 Under 40 Lawyers"

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — Product Liability (2022-26)