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## Ben Willson is a disciplined, dedicated, mission-focused defense lawyer.

Ben joined the firm in 2014 after eight years of active service as a Marine. He brings the habits he gained during military service to his legal practice, including a sense of mission and a dedication to hard work. Ben thrives in the courtroom, and has tried cases to juries in both state and federal courts in Alabama.

Ben has federal trial and appellate experience in white-collar criminal defense, and he has represented businesses and individuals in connection with grand jury investigations in multiple jurisdictions. He has performed government investigations, as well as internal investigations for publicly traded companies in response to traumatic workplace incidents, internal complaints, external accusations and regulatory inquiries. Ben has also prepared client representatives and other witnesses for questioning in complex matters involving public corruption, government contract fraud, insurance fraud and kickbacks.

In his civil litigation practice, Ben has advocated for businesses and individuals in a wide array of matters in both state and federal courts. He has represented manufacturers and employers in wrongful death and catastrophic injury suits; insurance companies faced with fraud, negligence, breach of contract and other tort claims; and national and international businesses in contract disputes.

As an active duty Marine, Ben deployed twice to Iraq as a UH-1N "Huey" helicopter pilot and section leader, and once to Afghanistan as a forward air controller with a rifle company of Marines. He and his wife, Kerri, are the proud parents of four young children. In his free time, Ben is an avid collector and reader of Curious George books. He also enjoys digging for worms in the backyard and drinking invisible tea with dolls.

## AWARDS

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*The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" by BL Rankings —  
Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, White-Collar Criminal

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate  
Automotive  
Banking & Financial Services  
Employment Law  
Product Liability  
White-Collar Criminal Defense &  
Corporate Investigations

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## EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University  
School of Law (J.D.)  
Chairman, Moot Court Executive  
Board  
Rhodes College (B.A.)

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

Defense (2021-22)

*Birmingham Business Journal*, "Veteran of Influence" (2019)

*Mid-South Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — White Collar Criminal Defense (2019-21)

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida

Supreme Court of Alabama