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Brooke Messina brings a business background to her litigation practice.

Brooke makes it a priority to get to know her clients and their objectives when undertaking any matter. She learned the importance of this during her eight-year career in business prior to going to law school, and she now applies it in her day-to-day work at the firm. Brooke focuses her practice on medical malpractice, product liability, environmental law and commercial litigation. She is an experienced researcher and applies that skill when drafting motions, responses, settlement agreements and other key documents.

Brooke graduated *cum laude* from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and served as managing editor of the *Cumberland Law Review*. She received the Daniel Austin Brewer Professionalism Award and the Frances Marlin Mann Award for Leadership & Character. Brooke was also named the Scholar of Merit for several classes, including Advanced Evidence and Pre-Trial Practice and Procedure. She regularly spends time assisting pro bono clients at help desks and legal clinics run by the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Outside of the office, you can find Brooke exploring Birmingham with her husband and her golden retriever. A lifelong outdoorswoman, Brooke enjoys hunting, spending time at the lake and offshore fishing in the beautiful Gulf of Mexico.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Birmingham Bar Association
Defense Research Institute (DRI)
Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court

AWARDS

Cumberland School of Law, "Daniel Austin Brewer Professionalism Award" (2020)

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Automotive
Commercial Litigation
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Healthcare
Medical Malpractice
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Samford University, Cumberland School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
University of Alabama (B.A.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

Cumberland School of Law, "Academic Excellence Award" (2017-20)

Cumberland School of Law, "Merit Scholar" (2017-20)

Cumberland School of Law, "Frances Marlin Mann Award for Leadership & Character" (2019)

Cumberland School of Law, "Spirit of Service Award" (2018)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Author, "Fourth Amendment's Automobile Exception Does Not Permit a Warrantless Police Officer to Search a Vehicle Located Inside a Home's Curtilage," *Cumberland Law Review* (2019)

Author, "Standard Articulated for 'Settled Child' within the Meaning of the Hague Convention and the International Child Abduction Remedies Act of 1988," *Cumberland Law Review* (2019)