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Clint Speegle is a combat-proven helicopter pilot and skilled attorney who focuses on aviation-related matters.

From the skies to the courtroom, Clint can navigate any challenge with a steady hand. He holds a FAA commercial license for helicopters and a private airplane license, and he flies often. Given his unique aviation and engineering background, Clint focuses his practice on aviation-related issues. He defends aircraft manufacturers, air carriers and engine manufacturers, and he has served as general counsel for a corporate airplane hangar. His experience includes representing owners and operators in NTSB, FAA and TSA investigations.

Prior to law school, Clint graduated from West Point and was a **commissioned officer in the United States Army**, serving multiple tours of duty in Iraq as an attack helicopter pilot with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and with 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). In addition to a Bronze Star, his awards and decorations include an Air Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, the Combat Action Badge, the Army Aviator Badge, the Army Parachutist Badge, the Army Pathfinder Badge and an United Arab Emirates Special Operations Command Parachutist Badge.

As a member of the firm's NCAA Compliance & Investigations team, Clint represents schools during the NCAA enforcement process and before the NCAA Committee on Infractions. He advises student-athletes on amateurism issues and counsels coaches about their contracts.

Clint's aviation and NCAA practices intersect in his work advising higher education institutions on the use of drones. Drawing on his background drafting Army UAV policy, Clint has drafted drone policies for multiple colleges and universities. In addition to aviation and NCAA issues, Clint's practice also includes a variety of product liability matters and very large environmental lawsuits.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation & Aerospace  
Environmental & Toxic Torts  
NCAA Compliance & Investigations  
Product Liability  
Automotive  
Commercial Litigation

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## EDUCATION

Samford University,  
Cumberland School of Law  
(J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013)  
United States Military Academy  
(B.S., 2003)

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama (2013)

Outside of work, Clint and his wife, Cam, are proud parents of a rambunctious boy. Clint looks forward to introducing his son to the joys of flying and teaching him to yell "Go Army! Beat Navy!"

## EXPERIENCE

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- Using a Creative Approach to Solve a City's Environmental Contamination Problem
- Going above and beyond to defend an aircraft manufacturer in precedent-setting cases.
- Drafting a campus drone policy that balances growth with compliance.
- Obtaining summary judgments on behalf of a general aviation aircraft manufacturer in two separate wrongful death lawsuits arising out of aircraft climb performance and FAA certification issues.
- Obtaining a favorable settlement for an international air carrier in a lawsuit filed pursuant to the Montreal Convention.
- Achieving favorable settlements in three wrongful death actions involving the crash of a corporate aircraft conducting a training flight.
- Representing a globally recognized engine manufacturer in a contract dispute.
- Serving as general counsel and member of the board of directors for the Alabama Business Aviation Association.
- Serving as general counsel for a corporate airplane hangar.
- Representing owners and operators during NTSB, FAA and TSA investigations.
- Drafting the summary disposition reports for a Big XII and AAC universities.
- Obtaining a favorable decision from NCAA Committee on Infractions on behalf of a doctor accused of failing to properly administer the school's drug policy.
- Investigating and responding to a Conference USA university's Notices of Allegations that included seven Level I violations.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Alabama Defense Lawyer's Association (ADLA)

Aviation Insurance Associate (AIA)

Birmingham Bar Association, Future Leaders Forum (2017)

Board Member, Birmingham Bar Association

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

International Air & Transportation Safety Bar Association (IATSBA)

## AWARDS

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*The Best Lawyers in America*© by BL Rankings "Ones to Watch" — Commercial Litigation (2021)

*Birmingham Business Journal*, "Veteran of Influence" (2018)

*Birmingham Business Journal*, "Rising Star Lawyer" (2017)

*Mid-South Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" —  
Aviation & Aerospace (2017-20)

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Author, "Up in the Air: Federal regulations governing drone use," *Inside Higher Ed*, (April 26, 2017)

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama (2013)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (2013)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama (2013)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (2019)

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado (2019)

Supreme Court of Alabama (2013)

Tribal Court for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (2018)