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Elizabeth Huntley is an experienced civil litigator dedicated to child advocacy work.

Liz is not only a formidable litigator, but she is also a committed child advocate. In addition to her practice focusing on complex civil litigation matters, Liz also provides legal and consulting services to government and nonprofit agencies that serve children and families.

After law school, Liz clerked for not one but two judges — Judge U.W. Clemon of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama and Judge John Bush of the 19th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama. She brings the experience she gained from working inside the judicial system to work on behalf of her clients in handling their most challenging civil litigation matters. Her cases routinely include issues involving product liability, personal injury, financial services and governmental entities. Liz represents clients across a wide range of industries including food manufacturing, banking, machinery manufacturing and wood-product manufacturing.

Committed to the legal profession, Liz is a member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI). She is also active in the Alabama State Bar Association and the Birmingham Bar Association.

As someone whose childhood was tainted by poverty and other challenges, Liz has become a well-known child advocate in Alabama. She serves on several boards, including the Children’s Village Board of Directors, the Alabama School Readiness Alliance, Auburn University Board of Trustees and University of Alabama School of Law Board of Governors. She is also the president and co-founder of **The Hope Institute**. More information about Liz’s child advocacy work can be found **on her personal website**.

PRACTICE AREAS

Banking & Financial Services
Commercial Litigation
Consumer Fraud & Bad Faith
Complex Government Litigation & Investigations
Product Liability

EDUCATION

University of Alabama (J.D.)
Auburn University (B.S. in Political Science)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama



Liz also serves as a motivational speaker to various groups and organizations where she challenges audiences to adopt her “no excuses” philosophy. Her talks frequently draw from her memoir, ***More Than a Bird***, which recounts her childhood journey from unimaginable darkness to radiance. She and her husband Tony are the proud parents of three children.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Judge U.W. Clemon, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

Judge John Bush, 19th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Law Foundation, Fellow

Alabama School Readiness Alliance

Alabama State Bar Association

Auburn University, Trustee

Birmingham Bar Association, Fellow

Magic City Bar Association

Children’s Village, Director

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Hope Institute, President and Co-founder

The Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. Institute, Board of Directors

University of Alabama School of Law, Board of Governors

AWARDS

Birmingham Business Journal, "Who's Who in Nonprofits" (2021)

Defense Research Institute (DRI), Lifetime Community Service Award (2016)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters — Litigation Defense (2017-19)

Momentum, "Woman of Impact" (2020)

National Black Lawyers, “Top 100”

Yellowhammer News, “Top 20 Women Who Shape the State of Alabama” (2018)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Guest, “Impact of High-Quality Pre-K Programs,” *The Preschool Podcast* (Jan. 9, 2017)

Presenter, “ED Talk with Liz Huntley: Return on Investment of early childhood education,” Education Commission of the States' 2016 National Forum on Education Policy (2016)

Presenter, "Be a Game Changer" TEDxBirmingham (2015)

Author, *More Than A Bird* (2015)

Author, "Pregnancy or Partner—Why Not Both?" *DRI For the Defense*
(2014)