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Banks Sewell is a seasoned trial lawyer dedicated to the tenacious, ethical representation of clients.

Banks joined Lightfoot in 1991, shortly after the firm opened its doors. Since then, his practice has grown to include clients in numerous industries across the commercial spectrum. He has successfully tried many cases to verdict in states across the country, including catastrophic product liability, consumer fraud and First Amendment matters. The majority of Banks' time is now spent serving as national lead trial counsel for a number of manufacturers in the automotive and aviation industries.

A devoted advocate, Banks is a firm believer in the tenacious, ethical representation of clients. He tailors his efforts to meet his clients' specific needs, whether it be a speedy resolution or taking a case to trial and into appellate courts. Banks understands that knowledge of the law is not enough; effective representation requires knowledge of the client and the client's industry, as well as how to communicate with opposing counsel, the jury and the court.

Numerous legal organizations have recognized Banks for his litigation work, including BL Rankings' *Best Lawyers*®, Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* and Martindale-Hubbell. Out of the office, Banks is a proud husband and father of two, as well as a committed outdoorsman and pilot. He and his family are involved in a variety of activities in the Birmingham community.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Media Law Resource Center

Product Liability Advisory Council

AWARDS

PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation & Aerospace
Commercial Transportation
Media & Communications Law
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D.)
Hampden-Sydney College (B.A.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Michigan
Montana
Texas

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The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings, “Lawyer of the Year” for Birmingham — Product Liability Litigation (2016)

Global Law Experts, “Media Defense Attorney of the Year,” Alabama (2016)

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rated (2004-17)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters — Product Liability (2012-26)