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When the stakes are high, Chandler Bailey turns complex product cases into compelling stories, winning trust from boardrooms to courtrooms.

With more than two decades of extensive experience, Chandler has established himself as a formidable advocate for product manufacturers and suppliers nationwide. His practice spans the United States and focuses on defending complex product liability matters with far-reaching business and manufacturing implications. Chandler represents some of the nation's most prominent companies, providing strategic counsel and courtroom leadership in high-stakes cases involving catastrophic injuries and wrongful death.

Chandler's approach is grounded in a deep understanding of both the products at issue and the businesses behind them. This deep insight, combined with exhaustive investigation, allows him to develop compelling trial strategies and persuasive themes that often position cases for successful resolution before ever reaching the courthouse. No matter the challenge, Chandler works tirelessly to ensure his clients' stories are told accurately, credibly and convincingly.

His dedication to his clients' businesses, products and employees extends well beyond a single engagement. That commitment has earned him the role of national and regional counsel for some of the country's largest companies. Chandler has defended high-exposure lawsuits in more than 20 states, from Georgia to Arizona.

Beyond his casework, Chandler is an active member of Lightfoot's Marketing & Business Development Committee and a former member of the firm's Executive Committee. He is a participant in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum and previously co-chaired the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA) Annual Trial Academy. Chandler is also a member of the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC).

Chandler has earned consistent recognition from leading legal publications. He was recently recognized by Chambers and has been named a Benchmark Litigation "Local Litigation Star," listed in The Best

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive
Catastrophic Injury
Commercial Litigation
Commercial Transportation
Consumer Fraud & Bad Faith
Pharma & Medical Device
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University
School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
University of Florida (B.S., *with honors*)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Texas

Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings, and annually selected as a Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters' for more than a decade.

Outside of the office, Chandler juggles a busy home life, supporting his family's active sports and social calendars. When time allows, he can usually be found on the golf course, at the lake, or cheering on the Florida Gators.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Cancer Society, Board Member

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Jones Valley Teaching Farm, SOW society sponsor

Product Liability Advisory Council

AWARDS

Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum, Class V

Benchmark Litigation, honoree (2017-25)

The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings — Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation (2018-26)

Birmingham Business Journal, "Best of the Bar" (2022)

Chambers USA, "Leading Lawyer" for Litigation (Alabama)

Lawdragon, "500 Leading Lawyers in America" (2026)

Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rating

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — Product Liability (2011-12)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters — Product Liability (2013-24)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Presenter, "Pre-Litigation Strategy in Business Matters," Business Class Action Seminar, Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, (2016)

Presenter, "Removal Jurisdiction," The Trial Network