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Chandler Bailey defends companies that make and sell products.

For over 20 years, Chandler has represented product manufacturers and suppliers around the country in high-stakes cases involving catastrophic injuries and wrongful death. Chandler knows the importance of taking the time to understand how products work and why. Using that knowledge, along with an exhaustive investigation of the incident, Chandler develops powerful trial themes that often lead to a successful solution for his clients short of the courthouse. In all of it, he works to ensure that his client's side of the story is told.

Chandler makes it a priority to understand his clients' businesses, their products and get to know their employees. This allows him to not only represent them in any one particular case, but also to provide more comprehensive counsel that goes beyond the current engagement. This strategy has earned him the trust of several of the country's largest companies. Serving as their national and regional counsel, he has represented them in serious, high-exposure lawsuits in more than 20 states across the country. When it matters most, Chandler is a seasoned courtroom lawyer, having tried cases to verdict in many different venues — from Georgia to Arizona.

Chandler currently serves on Lightfoot's Executive Committee and its Hiring Committee, is a past participant in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum and co-chaired the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA) Annual Trial Academy. He is one of only 15 Alabama lawyers selected as a member of the Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC).

Chandler has been honored by several leading legal publications. He was selected by *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star" from 2017 to 2021, listed in the 2018 - 2021 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® by BL Rankings, and recognized by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* every year since 2010.

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive
Catastrophic Injury
Commercial Litigation
Commercial Transportation
Consumer Fraud & Bad Faith
Life Sciences
Product Liability

EDUCATION

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Texas

Outside of the office, Chandler stays busy helping his wife keep up with their two active boys' sports and social calendars. If there are any hours left in a day, you can probably find him playing golf, 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
Alabama Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters— Product Liability (2010-15)
Alabama Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — Product Liability (2011-12)
Benchmark Litigation, "Local Litigation Star" — Product Liability (2017-21)
The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings — Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation (2018-22)
Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rating
Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters — Product Liability (2016-21)

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