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JT Thompson has a diverse practice: medical malpractice, product liability and media law.

JT represents clients in several industries involving a broad array of cases. He regularly defends healthcare providers in medical malpractice matters, national and local media companies, newspapers and television stations, broadcasters and production companies in First Amendment, defamation, invasion of privacy, open records prosecutions, and other content-based actions, various manufacturers and service companies in personal injury and product liability cases, and also handles general business litigation. He has tried many cases to defense verdicts in multiple areas of his practice. *Super Lawyers*, a Thomson Reuters publication, tagged JT as an "Alabama Rising Star" for Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice in 2010 and 2012. Since 2019, *The Best Lawyers in America*® by BL Rankings has recognized JT as a leading attorney in First Amendment Law and in Personal Injury Defense.

In working with his media clients, JT draws on his previous experience as an assistant editor in CNN's Denver bureau, particularly his time covering the Timothy McVeigh Oklahoma City bombing trial. His prior professional experience as a journalist gives JT a unique perspective and understanding of the media industry, which enables him to more effectively represent media outlets.

Whether his client is a healthcare provider, manufacturer, media organization, or a corporation, JT's goal in every case is to help the client identify and achieve the desired outcome – whether an early resolution at mediation, a summary judgment or a defense verdict – as efficiently as possible. That requires dedication and focus at every step of the case. From the first assessment of the case, through the discovery process, motion practice and going to trial, JT strives to serve his client's best interest.

To achieve the best possible results, JT dedicates himself to working his hardest on every case for every client. He takes inspiration from a

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive
Commercial Litigation
Consumer Fraud & Bad Faith
Healthcare
Media & Communications Law
Medical Malpractice
Life Sciences
Professional Liability
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Samford University, Cumberland School of Law (J.D.)
Cumberland Law Review
University of Colorado (M.A.)
University of the South (B.A., with honors, Order of the Gownsmen)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

quote from coaching legend, Paul “Bear” Bryant, that JT keeps taped inside his desk drawer: “It’s not the will to win that matters — everyone has that. It’s the will to prepare to win that matters.” Having grown up an Alabama football fan in a family of successful, hard-working attorneys, JT is motivated by that quote every day. It reminds him what it takes to be a good attorney: hard work, dedication, taking pride in what you do and, above all, serving the client.

Above all of his accomplishments at work, JT takes the greatest pride in his family. His wife Garner is a successful real estate agent, and, together, they are the proud parents of two children.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

Alabama Nursing Home Association

Business Council of Alabama

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Media Law Resource Center

AWARDS

Alabama Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, “Rising Star” — Medical Malpractice (2010, 2012)

The Best Lawyers in America® by BL Rankings — First Amendment Law (2019-22), Personal Injury Litigation (2022)

Martindale-Hubbell®, A-V Rating