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## Wesley Smithart brings advocacy experience to her defense litigation work.

Wesley puts the knowledge she gained in law school and as a Lightfoot summer associate to work every day for her clients. She has worked on cases involving product liability, personal injury, white-collar criminal defense, environmental/toxic tort and other issues.

After graduating from Huntingdon College where she served as Student Government Association president, Wesley earned a Masters of Theological Studies with a concentration in human rights from Emory University in Atlanta. At Emory, Wesley honed her interest in the legal system by teaching a course on restorative justice in a women's prison and interning for a drug court program.

During her third year at the University of Alabama School of Law, Wesley worked in its Domestic Violence Law Clinic, representing clients in court for a variety of proceedings, including protection from abuse actions, divorces and child custody cases. This work gave her invaluable courtroom experience that she draws on at Lightfoot.

Wesley was the special works editor for the *Alabama Law Review*, president of the Alabama Law Student Alumni Society and a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board while in law school. She achieved top accolades in her courses on appellate advocacy, trial advocacy and remedies.

Wesley grew up in Union Springs, Alabama, and now spends time exploring all that downtown Birmingham has to offer. She enjoys sunny days with her family on Lake Martin and cheering on the Crimson Tide.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

Alabama State Bar, Lawyer in Every Classroom Task Force, member (2020-21)

Alabama State Bar, Lawyers Voices for Survivors Task Force, member

## PRACTICE AREAS

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Appellate  
Automotive  
Environmental & Toxic Torts  
Product Liability  
White-Collar Criminal Defense  
& Corporate Investigations

## EDUCATION

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University of Alabama School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2020)  
Emory University, Candler School of Theology (M.T.S., 2017)  
Huntingdon College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2015)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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Alabama (2020)

(2020-21)

## AWARDS

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*Alabama Law Review*, “Best Student Note” (2019)

*Alabama Law Review*, “Best Case Note” (2018)

Emory University, “Myki Mobley Memorial Award for Academic Excellence and Significant Social Concern” (2017)

Huntingdon College, “Willard D. Top Award for Outstanding Academics and Service” (2015)

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Author, “Pregnant in Captivity: Analyzing the Treatment of Pregnant Women in American Prisons and Immigration Detention Centers,”  
*Alabama Law Review* (2020)