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## Jay Sewell is an experienced and reliable investigator turned dedicated and adaptable litigator.

Legal cases frequently present a variety of issues that evolve and require different solutions. Jay understands how to adapt in these fluid situations, and he applies his past experience to achieve the best outcome for his clients. Whether he's advocating for a white-collar defendant in a criminal trial, or representing clients in business disputes or personal injury lawsuits, Jay relentlessly advocates for his clients, no matter the circumstance.

Prior to law school, Jay worked as a police officer and detective, graduating at the top of his class at the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy. During his time in law enforcement, he investigated a wide variety of cases including catastrophic car crashes, all manners of theft and fraud, and violent crimes. Jay applies his unique background and investigative skills to each legal case, and clients appreciate his dedication to leaving no stone left unturned. He has also been asked to give presentations on Alabama criminal procedures to first-year law students.

Jay graduated first in his class from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, where he served as a junior editor and then eventually executive editor of the *Cumberland Law Review*. He served as an associate justice and then the chief justice on the Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Executive Board. As a member of Cumberland's National Moot Court team, he competed in the ABA's prestigious National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Following his second year of law school, Jay was admitted to practice as a student, trying cases in district and circuit courts.

When he's not representing clients, Jay enjoys spending time with his wife Jessica, his son Wesley and their dog Bentley. Jay is an avid fan of the Auburn Tigers, and he is a lifelong follower of his hometown Atlanta Braves.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation  
Commercial Transportation  
Corporate Plaintiff's Litigation  
Fire & Explosion  
Product Liability  
Professional Liability  
White-Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations

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## EDUCATION

Samford University, Cumberland School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*)  
Auburn University (B.A., *summa cum laude*)

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama  
Georgia  
Texas

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Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

American Bar Association

Birmingham Bar Association

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Federalist Society

Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court

## AWARDS

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*The Best Lawyers in America*® by BL Rankings — Corporate Compliance Law (2020-22), Corporate Governance Law (2021-22)

*Mid-South Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — White Collar Criminal Defense (2019), Litigation Defense (2020-21)

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Note Author, "Criminal Procedure—Self-Incrimination—Persons Subjected to Noncustodial Interrogation Must Say They Want to Remain Silent to Invoke Fifth Amendment Protection," *Salinas v. Texas*, 133 S. Ct. 2174 (2013), 44 *Cumberland Law Review* 543 (2013-14)

Author, "Youthful Offender Convictions, Sentencing, & Identification Procedures," discussing *United States v. Elliot*, 732 F.3d 1307 (11th Cir. 2013), 44 *Cumberland Law Review* 588 (2013-14)

Comment Author, "Should I Stay or Should I Go? A Guide to Change of Venue in Alabama Criminal Courts," 45 *Cumberland Law Review* 141 (2014-15)

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas