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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.

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. Jay also volunteers with the YMCA's Alabama Youth in Government Program and Youth Judicial Conference, and he has been asked to give presentations on Alabama criminal procedures to first-year law students. He and his family also attend the Grants Mill campus

PRACTICE AREAS

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

EDUCATION

Samford University,
Cumberland School of Law
(J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2015)
Auburn University (B.A.,
summa cum laude, 2006)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama (2015)
Georgia (2018)
Texas (2016)

of Church of the Highlands.

EXPERIENCE

- Representing a heavy equipment manufacturer in negotiating a settlement of a dispute with a dealer and third parties involving claims under the Alabama Heavy Equipment Dealer Act.
- Serving as trial and appellate counsel for a doctor in a criminal case in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama including oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit that involved allegations of illegal prescribing practices, billing fraud and violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute.
- Representing mall management in several lease disputes with tenants resulting in favorable judgments for client.
- Representing elected official in lawsuit relating to Alabama voting procedures during pandemic conditions.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

American Bar Association

Birmingham Bar Association

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Federalist Society

Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Author, "How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Dormant Commerce Clause," *Cumberland Law Review* (2019)

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)

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America® — Corporate Compliance Law (2020)

Mid-South Super Lawyers, "Rising Star" — Criminal Defense: White Collar (2019)

COURT ADMISSIONS

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