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Sandy Hooper is a trial-proven defense attorney focused on product liability and transportation litigation.

Sandy's practice centers on product liability, premises liability, transportation litigation and medical device litigation. In particular, he has extensive experience in defending automobile and heavy truck manufacturers and motor carriers in suits arising from catastrophic accidents. He also defends medical device companies, suppliers of automotive components and a railroad service provider.

Since 2004, Sandy has successfully litigated both jury and bench trials, and has presented oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He recently defended a European medical device manufacturer in a jury trial in which the plaintiff alleged he was severely injured by a surgical instrument during a cervical spine operation. The case settled during trial on very favorable terms for the manufacturer.

Sandy has been regionally and nationally recognized for his work for clients. He is rated AV Preeminent by his peers through Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* since 2014.

Before joining the firm, Sandy served as a law clerk to Judge Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr. of the U.S District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Sandy grew up the youngest of five children in a small town in west Tennessee. He speaks fluent French and has completed both the New York and Chicago marathons in less than three hours. His 90-year-old father still practices law in the town where Sandy grew up. One lasting influence on Sandy's life is his maternal grandmother, Mary Sanford Myatt of Memphis, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 102.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Judge Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive
Catastrophic Injury
Commercial Litigation
International Disputes
Pharma & Medical Device
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University School of Law (J.D.) Washington & Lee Law Review Washington & Lee University (B.A., magna cum laude)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas Alabama Mississippi Oklahoma Tennessee

Washington and Lee University, Alumni Organization

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings — Product Liability Litigation (2019-24)

Martindale-Hubbell, AV-Preeminent Rated

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — Product Liability (2014)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters — Product Liability (2015-21)