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William Brooks is an experienced commercial litigator with a business mind.

A versatile litigator with a background in business, William has represented a wide range of clients involved in commercial disputes in state and federal courts for over 30 years. He handles cases for financial institutions; energy companies; product manufacturers; life, health and property insurers; and others. His previous business experience allows him to understand the day-to-day issues his clients face and informs his work at every stage of a case.

William maintains a strong appellate practice and is frequently retained to handle appeals or post-verdict proceedings, including in cases where he was not trial counsel. He has argued before the Alabama Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, securing favorable rulings in matters involving product liability, securities law, arbitration, and jurisdictional disputes. His appellate experience includes defending national manufacturers, financial institutions, and healthcare providers in high-stakes cases involving multimillion-dollar judgments, trade secrets, and public nuisance claims.

In addition to his commercial litigation work, William is also a member of the firm's NCAA Compliance & Investigations practice group. He has assisted a number of collegiate athletics departments around the country with investigations involving alleged infractions of NCAA rules. Appearing before the Division I Committee on Infractions on behalf of several institutions, he obtained successful results from the Infractions Appeals Committee, including the reversal of a postseason ban imposed on the men's basketball program of a Division I institution.

William is the son and brother of Alabama trial lawyers. He is an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Truman M. Hobbs, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Class Actions
Commercial Litigation
Consumer Fraud & Bad Faith
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Intellectual Property
NCAA Compliance & Investigations
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D.)
University of Alabama (B.S.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Bar Association

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

American Bar Association

Birmingham Bar Association

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

University of Alabama School of Law, adjunct faculty (2008-present)

AWARDS

The Best Lawyers in America® by BL Rankings — Appellate, Product Liability Litigation (2010-23)

The Best Lawyers in America®, “Lawyer of the Year” for Birmingham by BL Rankings — Product Liability Litigation (2019)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters— Litigation Defense (2017-18)