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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation



Jeffrey Melcher is a Shareholder in the Firm's Nashville office and a member of the Litigation practice group. Mr. Melcher is a deeply experienced commercial and business litigator in areas including Contract and Business Disputes, Health Care, Insurance, Real Estate, Transportation, Labor, and Employment. He acts as regional and national counsel for various businesses, and has successfully litigated numerous matters of all kinds nationwide.

Mr. Melcher's experience further includes representing clients in the medical and allied health care, trucking and transportation fields, insurance and bad faith claims, toxic tort and product liability matters, and a full array of real estate litigation. He has successfully handled numerous business disputes and comprehensive general liability, premises liability, and casualty defense claims.

Mr. Melcher also has substantial experience with professional malpractice defense, including claims against physicians, nurses, dentists, and other medical providers; hospitals and other treatment centers, and attorneys, accountants, architects, and surveyors.

Mr. Melcher regularly defends employers in employment law litigation such as employment discrimination claims, restrictive covenant litigation, and employment contract litigation. He also has extensive and successful appellate experience.

Awards and Honors

- Best Lawyers in America
 - Litigation—Labor and Employment
 - Distinction in Insurance
- Martindale-Hubbell
 - Judicial Edition AV Preeminent Rating™
 - AV® Preeminent™
- Top Rated Lawyers in Georgia
 - Insurance Law
 - Labor & Employment Law
 - Litigation
- Elite Lawyer of the South

Professional Involvement

- Atlanta Bar Association
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- DRI (Defense Research Institute)
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar Lawyers Club of Atlanta
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Atlanta Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Professional Legal Underwriting Society (PLUS)

Representative Matters

- Obtained summary judgment in favor of plaintiff manufacturer in multimillion-dollar federal suit for property damages, business interruption, and lost profits.
- Successfully defended and resolved a half-billion-dollar D&O action against a nationally renowned architectural firm, with zero personal contribution.
- Obtained dismissal of D&O action against an officer of national restaurant chain.
- Obtained summary judgment in major commercial licensing dispute.
- Obtained summary judgment and attorney fees against major TV personalities in defense of a bad faith/fraud claim.
- Obtained numerous dismissals in transportation, employment, premises and medical negligence cases.
- Obtained summary judgment in a D&O action against the U.S. officers of a major international residential/commercial product supply company.
- Recent seven-figure trial verdict against a Southeastern U.S. state in commercial collection/business tort dispute.

Publications

- How Defense Attorneys Can Stem The Tide Of Runaway Verdicts, *Law360*, December 13, 2022

Education

Mr. Melcher earned his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law. He earned his B.A. from Vanderbilt University.

Bar Admissions

- Alabama
- Georgia
- North Carolina
- Tennessee

Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- United States Court for the Middle District of Alabama
- United States Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- United States Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- United States Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- United States Court for the Northern District of Alabama
- United States Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- United States Court for the Southern District of Alabama
- United States Court for the Southern District of Georgia
- United States Court for the Western District of North Carolina
- United States Court for the Western District of Tennessee