



Ryan W. Mitchem

PARTNER

Representing corporations, privately held companies, insurers, lenders and individuals in federal and state courts throughout the Southeast, Ryan has experience in litigation relating to lender liability, premises liability, insurance coverage, employment, trade secrets, franchises, construction and general commercial litigation.

Representative Experience

- Defended insureds against negligence claims arising from high-risk sporting and commercial activities
- Obtained dismissal for a regional lender in a claim for breach of fiduciary duty and conversion of deposited funds
- Defended a large insurer against a claim for negligence and misrepresentation arising from alleged statements by an insurance agent, resulting in denial of life insurance coverage to the insured
- Represented a national franchisor in defeating a motion to dismiss claim for future royalties by a franchisee
- Obtained judgment for a regional lender for more than \$4 million with a dismissal of all counterclaims against the lender
- Secured ruling in favor of a local employer to enforce covenant not to compete against healthcare provider
- Obtained relief from temporary restraining order for employees subjected to unlawful covenant not to compete

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- The Justices Ray L. Brock, Jr. and Robert E. Cooper American Inn of Court, 2006-2007
- Tennessee Bar Association

Admissions

- Tennessee, 2002
- Alabama, 2003

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Practices

Business Litigation
Insurance Litigation
Franchise & Distribution
Trade Secrets

Education

- J.D., University of Alabama School of Law, *magna cum laude*, 2002
Order of the Coif
Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society
Dean's Community Service Award
Hugo Black Scholar
Alabama Law Review, Senior Editor
- B.A., Political Science and French, University of Alabama, *magna cum laude*, 1999