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### LIGHTFOOT FOUNDING PARTNER SAM FRANKLIN APPEARS ON BENCHMARK LITIGATION'S, "BEYOND THE TRIAL" PODCAST

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White's co-founding partner **Sam Franklin** was a featured guest on "**Beyond the Trial,**" Benchmark Litigation's podcast.

He spoke with Benchmark Litigation managing editor, Michael Rafalowich, to discuss a host of legal topics including remaining collegial in the courtroom, the power of a brief opening statement and "staying away from the curse of knowledge." Sam also spoke on the role trial lawyers play and the principals that inform his work.

"It's not about me, it's about the case." Listen to the full interview [here](#).

Established by Benchmark Litigation in 2018, "Beyond the Trial," hosts esteemed individuals in the legal community to discuss various techniques, methods and insights of trial lawyers nationwide. Benchmark Litigation publicizes annual rankings of lawyers and firms worldwide in addition to providing developed resources, research and analysis.

After co-founding the firm in 1990, Sam Franklin has continually received acclaim for his litigation practice. He has been recognized by Benchmark Litigation as both a "Local Litigation Star" and "Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America" for numerous years. His service has been noted by both the Peter Perlman Service Award and the Alabama State Bar's Commissioner Award. Beyond his work at Lightfoot, Sam has served as president for both the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association and American College of Trial Lawyers.