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LIGHTFOOT WINS MOST INNOVATIVE LAW FIRM HONOR AT ALM SOUTHEASTERN LEGAL AWARDS

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ALM's legal media platform, Law.com, recognized Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC's longstanding commitment to **pushing the bounds of legal technology** at the Southeastern Legal Awards on June 20. The firm won the Most Innovative Law Firm award at a gala ceremony attended by director of litigation technology **Sam McAllister** and chief technology officer **Corey Thomas**, who both serve on the firm's **Innovation Committee**.

The annual Law.com Southeastern Legal Awards honor lawyers and firms from across the region for excellence in legal practice. The Most Innovative Law Firm award singles out a firm that is leading the way in leveraging technology to serve clients.

"It's tremendously rewarding to have our emphasis on investing in and perfecting technology to support the work we do acknowledged by ALM," partner and Innovation Committee member **Michael Bell** said. "Innovation is, and will remain, a foundational value at Lightfoot as we continuously pursue and develop the best solutions for our firm and clients."

What makes Lightfoot unique among law firms is that it has developed nearly all of its technology in-house under McAllister's leadership. Working closely with the firm's trial lawyers, he has given life to various proprietary software platforms, applications and other custom tech solutions that make the firm's work more collaborative and cost-effective for clients.

McAllister has also used technology in novel ways to support Lightfoot's trial lawyers — who often hear from jurors that their multimedia presentations are what tipped the scales in a verdict.

This is not the first award the firm has received for its innovative use of technology. McAllister was **named to the Fastcase50** in 2022 and was also a **finalist** in the 2021 American Legal Technology Awards. He and others in the firm regularly feature in legal tech media discussions on topics such as the **practical use of artificial intelligence** in law and **legal tech trends**.