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Colin is a thoughtful, creative and energetic litigator who supports clients in navigating complex cases.

Colin's work as an associate focuses on environmental, product liability and commercial matters across a range of industries.

As a summer associate with Lightfoot in 2023, Colin gained hands-on experience with legal research, document drafting and case strategy. He also served as a judicial intern for U.S. District Judge L. Scott Coogler in the Northern District of Alabama, and completed summer associateships at two Am Law 200 firms and a white-collar defense and litigation boutique.

Colin obtained his J.D. from the Washington and Lee University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in Global Comparative Studies from Birmingham-Southern College.

While in law school, he served as lead articles editor for the German Law Journal and coached the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Team. He was also a finalist of the W&L Law Client Counseling Competition and a quarterfinalist of the Robert J. Grey Jr. Negotiations Competition.

As an undergraduate, Colin received the H. Irvin Penfield Award in Political Science and the Greensborough Scholarship from Birmingham-Southern College. He notably served as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee?and was a member of both the Pi Sigma Alpha-Political Science and Alpha Kappa Delta-Sociology honor societies.

Before law school, Colin spent time in in Madrid, Spain, as an English teaching assistant. He spends his downtime reading, thrifting, running, playing pickleball and walking his golden retriever with his wife. A longtime soccer fan, he captained his college team and still enjoys following the sport.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Product Liability

EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University School of Law (J.D.)
Birmingham-Southern College (B.A. in Global Comparative Studies)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama