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Wesley Smithart brings advocacy experience to her defense litigation work.

A determined litigator with a passion for advocacy, Wesley represents clients in disputes involving product liability, medical malpractice, white collar criminal enforcement and personal injury. Her clients include a Fortune100 technology company, a Fortune100 automotive manufacturer and several healthcare providers, as well as large national insurance, trucking and manufacturing companies.

Wesley forges strong relationships with her clients in order to understand their unique needs and circumstances. In addition to her defense litigation work, Wesley is part of the firm's hiring committee, and is the mentoring program vice chair for the Women in the Law Committee for the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association. She is also a DRI member and on the Alabama State Bar Young Lawyers Association executive committee. Wesley regularly handles pro bono work, and has worked on several death penalty cases in Alabama.

After graduating from Huntingdon College, Wesley earned a Masters of Theological Studies with a concentration in human rights from Emory University in Atlanta. At Emory, Wesley honed her interest in the legal system by teaching a course on restorative justice in a women's prison and interning for a drug court program before attending law school at the University of Alabama.

Wesley grew up in Union Springs, Alabama, and now spends time exploring all that downtown Birmingham has to offer with her husband, who is also an attorney. She enjoys sunny days with her family on Lake Martin and cheering on the Crimson Tide.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

Alabama State Bar, Lawyer in Every Classroom Task Force, member (2020-21)

PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation & Aerospace
Automotive
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Product Liability
White-Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations
Commercial Litigation
Medical Malpractice

EDUCATION

University of Alabama School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
Emory University, Candler School of Theology (M.T.S.)
Huntingdon College (B.A., *magna cum laude*)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

Alabama State Bar, Lawyers Voices for Survivors Task Force, member
(2020-21)

Alabama State Bar Young Lawyers Executive Committee, member
(2021- present)

Alabama State Bar, Women's Section

Birmingham Bar Association

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

AWARDS

Alabama Law Review, "Best Student Note" (2019)

Alabama Law Review, "Best Case Note" (2018)

Emory University, "Myki Mobley Memorial Award for Academic
Excellence and Significant Social Concern" (2017)

Huntingdon College, "Willard D. Top Award for Outstanding Academics
and Service" (2015)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Author, "Pregnant in Captivity: Analyzing the Treatment of Pregnant
Women in American Prisons and Immigration Detention Centers,"
Alabama Law Review (2020)