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Melody Eagan understands that attention to details makes the difference.

Melody has decades of experience defending clients in high-stakes catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. A trusted regional counsel for a number of manufacturers, Melody has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict throughout the Southeast. She understands that the key to handling product liability cases is a detailed understanding of the product's design and utility, and because of her experience and attention to detail, Melody is at home presenting complex engineering concepts to juries in an easy-to-understand fashion, picking apart experts' theories and defending her clients' products.

In addition to her product liability practice, Melody regularly represents doctors and hospitals in medical malpractice cases. She also serves as appellate counsel for a number of clients, assisting them not only with appeals but also preparation and oral argument of dispositive and other significant pretrial motions at the trial court level.

Melody, Lightfoot's current managing partner, is the first woman to lead the firm in its history. She is also on the firm's Executive Committee. Melody previously served as the president of the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA) in 2012-13, only the third woman ever elected to the office. Melody is also a member of the 2018 Leadership Alabama class.

Melody's interests outside of work focus primarily on her family, her church, and music. Married to a trial lawyer, she is a proud mother and classically trained musician. Melody plays piano at her church, teaches children's Sunday school, and serves in various church leadership roles, including a recent election to the Vestry, reflecting her deep commitment to her faith community. In addition to her church activities, she has recently been appointed to the Board of Better Basics, furthering her dedication to educational and community development. Her past volunteer experiences include being a fundraiser for the American Heart Association and serving on the Board of Directors for Magic Moments, a

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate
Automotive
Catastrophic Injury
Fire & Explosion
Pharma & Medical Device
Medical Malpractice
Product Liability
Professional Liability

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D.)
Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
Hendrix College (B.A., *summa cum laude*)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Mississippi
Tennessee

wish-granting organization for children in Alabama with chronic life-threatening illnesses. Melody also enjoys singing, working out her stress on the Peloton, and spending time with her children, who range in age over a 20+ year span.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

Alabama Law Foundation, Fellow

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Leadership Alabama, Fellow, Regional Counsel

The Virginia Samford Theatre, Board Member

AWARDS

Chambers USA, "Leading Lawyer" for Litigation (Alabama)

Benchmark Litigation, "Local Litigation Star" — Product Liability (2020-21)

Benchmark Litigation, "Litigation Star" (2022-24)

Benchmark Litigation, "Top 250 Women in Litigation" (2019-23)

The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings — Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation (2010-24)

The Best Lawyers in America© by BL Rankings, "Lawyer of the Year" for Birmingham — Product Liability Litigation (2023)

Birmingham Business Journal, "Top Birmingham Woman" (2020)

Birmingham Business Journal, "Who's Who in Law" (2018-21)

B-Metro magazine, "Top Women Attorneys" (2018, 2020)

B-Metro magazine, "Top Flight Attorneys" (2019)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, "Top 50 Women" (2020)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters — Product Liability (2011-23)

National Law Journal — Elite Boutique Trailblazer (2018)