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Reid Carpenter loves being in the courtroom and advocating for his clients.

Reid is at his best when he's "on his feet" advocating for his clients in front of judges and juries. His experience includes multiple jury trials as well as arbitrations. As a solution-focused attorney, Reid also prides himself on tailoring a defense strategy that is specific to each client's unique situation and desired endgame, which often involves creative resolutions outside of trial.

While Reid maintains a general litigation practice at Lightfoot, the majority of his experience falls in three key areas: natural gas, product liability and healthcare. His natural gas experience involves the regular representation of a natural gas operator in Alabama. His product liability experience includes the defense of several major manufacturers in the automotive, industrial, agricultural and forestry equipment sectors, and he has also handled several cases involving allegations of defective firearms and ammunition. The remainder of Reid's practice is primarily dedicated to the defense of doctors and hospitals in medical malpractice litigation.

Reid joined Lightfoot in 2010 after graduating from the University of Alabama School of Law. During law school, he was a member of the National Civil Trial Competition Team, through which he received the American College of Trial Lawyers Award and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award. In addition, he was selected as a member of the Order of Barristers for outstanding oral advocacy and served as the career services representative for his class.

Originally from Talladega, Alabama, Reid is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys fishing and spring turkey hunting.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Product Liability Advisory Council
Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA)

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive
Commercial Litigation
Energy Litigation
Fire & Explosion
Healthcare
Medical Malpractice
Product Liability

EDUCATION

University of Alabama School of Law (J.D.)
University of Alabama (B.S.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama

Birmingham Bar Association, Future Leaders Forum (2018)

National Wild Turkey Federation of Jefferson County, committee member (2012-14)

Workshops, Inc., Junior Board (2011-14); president (2014); vice-president (2013)

AWARDS

Birmingham Business Journal, "Top 40 Under 40" (2023)

Benchmark Litigation, "40 & Under Hot List" (2021-22)

Benchmark Litigation, "Litigation Star" (2023-24)

The Best Lawyers in America® by BL Rankings— Medical Malpractice Law, Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation (2023-24)

Birmingham Business Journal, "Birmingham NextGen: Rising Stars of Law" (2020)

Mid-South Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — Litigation Defense (2015-24)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Speaker, "Reporter's Privilege Protections under the First Amendment," Alabama Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) State Convention