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PRACTICE VENUES: Mississippi; United States Supreme Court; United States Courts of Appeals Fifth and Eleventh Circuits; United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi; United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

PRACTICE AREAS: Insurance Coverage Law and Litigation; Fraud and Arson Defense and Special Investigations; Bad Faith and Institutional Defense; General Insurance and Corporate Litigation; Products Liability Defense; Automobile Liability and Uninsured Motorist Defense; Commercial Litigation; Agency and Broker Professional Liability Claims; Certified Mediator; Expert Witness on Insurance, Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

Education: University of Mississippi School of Law (J.D., Valedictorian, with distinction, 1976); University of Southern California (M.S.Ed., 1974); University of Southern Mississippi (B.S., 1971); Phi Delta Phi; Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Delta Phi Outstanding First Year Student Award; Articles Editor, *Mississippi Law Journal* (1976); Law clerk, Honorable William C. Keady, Chief Judge, U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi (1977-79); Litigation Management Institute at Columbia Law School Formulated by the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (2011).

Presentations: *Ethics: Sources, Relationships and Reality*, Financial Planning Association of Northeast Mississippi Annual Symposium (2014) and Ole Miss Risk Management and Insurance Symposium, University of Mississippi (2013); *Mississippi Insurance Law: Key Points and Strategies*, Sentry Insurance (2012); *SIU: More than a Background Check or Surveillance*, Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (2012); *Insurance Fraud Initiatives*, Council on Litigation Management (2011); *Insurance Law Update*, The Republic Group (2011); *Avoiding and Defending Bad Faith – Best Claims and Litigation Strategy*, Council on Litigation Management (2010); *If Chinese Drywall Covers the Walls, Are Those Walls Covered?*, Joint Seminar of the Mississippi Claims Association and the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association (2009); *Fundamentals of Litigation Management and Related Topics*, GEICO (2009); *Fundamentals of Litigation Management*, Council on Litigation Management, Nationwide Insurance Company (2009); *Opening Statements*, Trial Practice Academy, Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association, University of Mississippi (2007); *Venue, Joinder, Intrastate Forum Non Conveniens and Other Issues*, Eighth Annual Trial Practice Seminar (2007); *Coverage Issues/Claim Handling*, PIA/MCA Convention Continuing Education (2005); *Tort Reform in Mississippi*, Mississippi State University Insurance Day, Mississippi State University (2002); *Gramm-Leach-Bliley Privacy Act: An Overview of Compliance Obligations and Questions Left Unanswered Under the Act*, *Loss Control Issues: How to Recognize Potential Problems From Both an Agency and Claims Standpoint*, and *Bad Faith: It Is Best to Avoid It, Here's How*, Continuing Education Seminar for the Professional Insurance Agents of Mississippi/Mississippi Claims Annual Convention (2001); *Update on Ethics Opinions in Mississippi*, Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Southern Regional Meeting (2000); *Recent Developments in Mississippi Insurance Law*, Ole Miss Insurance Symposium, University of Mississippi (2000); *Constitutional Issues Raised by the Mississippi Tort Claims Act*, Mississippi Governmental Tort Immunity Seminar (1998); Counsel in bad faith/arson/insurance fraud mock trial for the Mississippi Fire Investigators Association Fire and Arson School (1997); *Legal Implications of Current Version of National Fire Protection Association §921*, State Farm Insurance Companies Special Investigative Unit Workshop (1996); *Defense of Fire, Fraud and Bad Faith*, Mississippi State University College of Business and Industry (1994); Defense Counsel in bad faith/arson/insurance fraud mock trial for State Farm Fire and Casualty Company's Advanced Claim School (1993); *Insurance Defense Issues and Recent Developments*, Mississippi Claims Association State Convention (1992); *Insurance Defense Issues in Mississippi*, Safeco Insurance Company (1987); *First Party Bad Faith Defense*, Southern Farm Bureau Insurance Companies (1985); *Arson and Fraud Defense in Mississippi*, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company (1984).

Publications: *Reasonable Expectations: Interpreting Insurance Policies in Common Law Jurisdictions* American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (forthcoming 2016); *The Internet vs. Good Old-Fashioned Sleuthing*, The CLM, Claims Management, March 2016, <http://claims-management.theclm.org/home/article/The-Internet-vs-Good-Old-Fashioned-Sleuthing>; *Fighting Back – How Detection and Prevention Can Avoid the High Cost of Insurance Fraud*, Litigation Management Magazine, Summer 2011 (Co-Author); Monograph: *Venue, Joinder, Intrastate Forum Non Conveniens and Other Issues Related to Where the Chickens Can Insist the Other Chickens Come to Roost*, Perspective From the Bench and the Bar (2007); *United States Supreme Court Holds Punitive Damages Award in Insurance Bad Faith Case Excessive and Violative of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution*, The MDLA Quarterly, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Co-Author) (2003); *Y2K - Klear? Konfusing?*, The MDLA Quarterly, Vol. 23, No. 4 (Co-Author) (1999); *Ethical Prohibition on Third Party Audits and Other Related Issues*, The MDLA Quarterly, Vol. 23, No. 2 (Co-Author)(1999); *Constitutional Issues Raised by the Mississippi Tort Claims Act* (Co-Author) (1998); *The Legal Burden of Proof Implications of NFPA 921 Should be Removed*, National Fire and Arson Report, Vol. 14, No. 3, September 1996; *Unanimous Verdict for Insurer in Civil Arson Case in "Clear and Convincing" Jurisdiction*, National Fire and Arson Report, Vol. 13, No. 3, Page 18, September 1995; Monograph: *Constitutional Arguments Against the Assessment of Punitive Damages*, The MDLA Quarterly (Dec. 1989).

Member: Mississippi Bar Association (Mississippi State Bar Delegate to Judicial Conference of Fifth Circuit (1984-86)(Ethics Committee Vice Chairman 1990); Mississippi Claims Association, Mississippi Claims Association Legal/Legislative Committee Chair (2001); University of Mississippi Risk Management and Insurance Advisory Board (2000-2014) (Outstanding Supporter Award, 2008); Chairman-Elect (2003), Chairman (2004-2005), Distinguished Service Award (2005); University of Mississippi Insurance Symposium Chairman (2005); Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association (President 2000; President-Elect

1999; Secretary/Treasurer 1998; Editor of The MDLA Quarterly 1998; Co-Editor of The MDLA Quarterly 1999; Board of Directors 1994-1998; Chairman, MDLA, Northeast Mississippi Regional Committee 1989, 1991, 1992; Distinguished Service Award 2000); Defense Research Institute; Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit; Federal Bar Association; National Fire Protection Association; International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.; Mississippi Fire Investigators Association; Association of Defense Trial Attorneys; Associate Member, Professional Insurance Agents of Mississippi; Outstanding Lawyers of America; Mid-South "Super Lawyer" in Insurance Coverage (2007-2015); ABA Advisory Panel (2008-2009); Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM); CLM Insurance Fraud Committee and Founding Co-Chair (2010); CLM Insurance Bad Faith Committee, Co-Chair for Region 5 Mississippi and Louisiana (2010-2012); Who's Who in Mississippi Law; Top Rated Lawyer In Insurance Law; International Association of Defense Counsel; [United States Air Force, active duty 1971-1974].

B. WAYNE WILLIAMS

PRACTICE VENUES: Mississippi; United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit; United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi.

PRACTICE AREAS: General Insurance; Corporate Defense; Construction Law; Bad Faith Defense; Insurance Coverage; Products Liability Litigation; Insurance Coverage Litigation; Premises Liability Defense; Automobile Liability; Underinsured/Uninsured Motorist Defense; Personal Injury Defense; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Workers' Compensation.

Education: University of Mississippi School of Law (J.D., 1993); University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida (B.M, 1990); Fraternities: Phi Delta Phi. Member: Moot Court Board.

Presentations: "Mississippi Insurance Law: Key Points and Strategies", Sentry Insurance, Goldsboro, North Carolina (2016); "Mississippi Insurance Law: Uninsured Motorist Key Points and Strategies," Sentry Insurance Company, Goldsboro, North Carolina (2014); "Premises Liability," Council on Litigation Management, Charlotte, North Carolina (2013); "Mississippi Insurance Law: Key Points and Strategies," Sentry Insurance, Goldsboro, North Carolina (2012); "Insurance Law Update," Harleysville Insurance Company (2011); "Case Assessment & Evaluation," Council on Litigation Management, Charlotte, North Carolina (2010); "Hands-On Mock Trial," Council on Litigation Management, Columbus, Ohio (2010); "Reservation of Rights and Insured's Right to Personal Counsel," Council on Litigation Management, Charlotte, North Carolina (2010); "Fundamentals of Litigation Management and Related Topics," GEICO, Macon, Georgia (2009); "Fundamentals of Litigation Management," "Case Assessment & Evaluation," Council on Litigation Management, Charlotte, North Carolina (2009), Richmond, Virginia (2009); "Update on Uninsured/underinsured Motorist Law," Metropolitan Insurance Company (2007); "Coverage and Claims in the Wake of Katrina," University of Mississippi Insurance Symposium (2006); "UM/UIM Coverage Updates and Subrogation Issues," "Legal Issues and Insurance Claims Presented by Mold," Professional Insurance Agents of Mississippi/Mississippi Claims Association Annual Convention, Orange Beach, Alabama (2005); "Solving Water Intrusion & Mold Problems," Lorman Education Services, Jackson, Mississippi (2003), Tupelo, Mississippi (2003); "Recent Developments in Mississippi Law," Sentry Claims Service/Dairyland Insurance Company Seminar, Richmond, Virginia (2002); "Errors and Omissions Claims: How to Avoid E and O Claims and How Courts Deal With E and O Claims Once Presented," "Loss Control Issues: How to Recognize Potential Problems From Both an Agency and Claims Standpoint," and "Bad Faith: It Is Best to Avoid It, Here's How," Continuing Education Seminar for the Professional Insurance Agents of Mississippi/Mississippi Claims Association Annual Convention, Orange Beach, Alabama (2001); "Amended Rule 57 and Implications on Discovery," Safeco Insurance Companies, Jackson, Mississippi (2001); "Construction Litigation and Amended Rule 57 Implications," Mississippi State University Insurance Day, Starkville, Mississippi (2001); "Amended Rule 57 and Other Developments in Mississippi Insurance Law," Sentry Claims Service/Dairyland Insurance Company Seminar, Richmond, Virginia (2001); "Recent Developments in Mississippi Law," Barristers, Booneville, Mississippi (2000); "Recent Developments in Mississippi Law," Barristers, Booneville, Mississippi (1996).

Member: Mississippi Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit; Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association (Board of Directors, District I 2000-2002); Lee County Bar Association; Association of Defense Trial Attorneys; Mississippi Claims Association; Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM); Claims and Litigation Management Alliance Products Liability Committee (2011-2012); Claims and Litigation Management Alliance Automotive/Recreational Vehicle

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PRACTICE VENUES: Mississippi; United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi; United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit; Tennessee; United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee; Oklahoma; United States District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

PRACTICE AREAS: First Party Coverage Litigation and Evaluation; Labor & Employment Litigation; Professional Liability; Automobile Liability; Premises Liability Defense; Construction Litigation; Environmental Law; Products Liability Defense; Commercial and Business Torts Litigation.

Education: University of Tulsa College of Law (J.D., 1998); University of Southern Mississippi (M.S., 1994); University of Mississippi (B.A., 1993); Phi Delta Phi; *Environmental Law Journal*, staff (1996-1997).

Presentations: "Insurance Law Update," The Republic Group, Dallas, Texas (2011); "Litigation 101," Council on Litigation Management, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin (2009); "Fundamentals of Litigation Management and Related Topics," GEICO, Macon, Georgia (2009); "Fundamentals of Litigation Management," Council on Litigation Management, Columbus, Ohio (2009); "Update on Uninsured/underinsured Motorist Law," Metropolitan Insurance Company (2007); "Coverage and Claims in the Wake of Katrina," University of Mississippi Insurance Symposium (2006); "Summary of Mississippi Insurance Coverage Law," PIA/MCA Convention Continuing Education (2005).

Member: Mississippi Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association; Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit; Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association; Defense Research Institute; Oklahoma Bar Association; Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM); Claims and Litigation Management Alliance Professional Liability Committee (2010); Claims and Litigation Management Alliance Employment Practices Committee (2010); Mid-South "Rising Star" in Insurance Coverage (2010-2012).

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PRACTICE VENUES: Mississippi; United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi; United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit; United States Bankruptcy Court for Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi.

PRACTICE AREAS: Commercial Finance and Recovery; Commercial Contracts; Commercial Disputes and Litigation; Business Planning and Transactions; Corporate Governance; General Business Counsel; Representation of Creditors in Bankruptcy; Insurance Defense; Insurance Coverage Law.

Education: University of Mississippi School of Law (J.D., 1982); Mississippi State University (B.A., 1980).

Member: Mississippi Bar Association; Mississippi Women Law Association, Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association.

Publications: *Mississippi*, Reasonable Expectations: Interpreting Insurance Policies in Common Law Jurisdictions (American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, forthcoming 2016) (Co-author); *South Carolina Water Law*, ALABAMA WATER LAW & POLICY: A COMPARATIVE TREATISE (Heather Elliot, ed., University of Alabama Press forthcoming 2017)

Member: Mississippi Bar Association; Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association; Lee County Bar Association

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PRACTICE AREAS: Insurance Defense; Insurance Coverage Law; General Civil Litigation; Bad Faith Defense; Premises Liability Defense; Products Liability Defense; Commercial and Business Torts Litigation

Education: Millsaps College (Else School of Management) (MBA, 2017); University of Mississippi School of Law (J.D., 1998); Dillard University (B.A., 1993) *cum laude*; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Member: Mississippi Bar Association; American Public Transit Association; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; National Association of Negro and Black Professional Women's Club; Parents for Public Schools/Chapter President (2014-2016); Advocate and Supporter of Meridian Freedom Project; Executive Board Member of the Meridian Freedom Project (2013-2017); Executive Board Member of The Montgomery Institute (2014-2017); Past Member of the Charles Clark Inn of Court (inducted 2004)

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Publications: *Confrontation Compromise: How Modern State Rules of Evidence Could Ensure Transparent Forensic Reports*, 56 No. 4 Crim. L. Bull. Art. 2 (2020); *Soldiers of Misfortune: Why the Military Should Remove Its Slot Machines*, 24 Gaming L. Rev. 377 (2020).

Member: Mississippi Bar Association (2021-present); Mississippi Army National Guard (2012-present); Mississippi Law Journal (2019-2020).

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