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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Litigation
Health Care Litigation & Qui Tam
Investigations
Litigation
OSHA
Product Liability
Transportation

LICENSED IN

Georgia

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University School of Law: J.D.,
2003

Duke University: B.S., Political Science,
2000

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Brunswick-Glynn County Bar Association
State Bar of Georgia
ALFA International
National Association of Railroad Trial

EXPERIENCE

Chris Jordan is a litigator with a broad range of experience at the trial and appellate level.

For much of his career, Chris has defended some of the country's largest companies in product liability, toxic tort, and other complex litigation matters throughout the Southeast. Chris also maintains an active business litigation practice in state and federal courts across Georgia. From Fortune 500 companies to small businesses, Chris regularly advises clients on all aspects of dispute resolution in matters involving commercial real estate, logistics, corporate governance, banking, and fiduciary matters.

Chris is a frequent speaker to groups in Georgia and across the country on issues involving products liability, transportation law, and other complex litigation topics. Chris is also a member of the products liability team for ALFA International, a global legal networking organization.

Chris received his undergraduate degree from Duke University in 2000 and graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 2003. He began his career at a large firm in Atlanta before moving to St. Simons Island, where he is from originally.

Chris is an active member of the Coastal Georgia community. He is a 2022 graduate of Leadership Georgia and a 2008 graduate of Leadership Glynn. He is a past member of the board of directors of the STAR Foundation, a job training and life skills program in Brunswick, Georgia. He is a current member of the board of directors for Hand in Hand, a nonprofit organization constructing "tiny homes" for the local homeless population.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Defense verdict on behalf of national distributor of pharmaceutical medication following a five-week jury trial in opioid lawsuit brought by twenty-one plaintiffs seeking over \$200 million in damages.
- Successful resolution on behalf of national solar energy developer of five related mineral rights lawsuits involving over 100 adverse parties.
- Summary judgment on behalf of heirs to complex estate in a declaratory judgment action.
- Favorable trial verdict in lease dispute on behalf of Georgia public housing authority.

Counsel: Executive Committee; Program Committee

COMMUNITY WORK

Leadership Georgia: Class of 2022

Leadership Southeast Georgia: Class of 2024

Leadership Glynn: Class of 2008

Hand in Hand: Board of Directors

STAR Foundation of Coastal Georgia: Board of Directors, Past Member

Vestry of Christ Church Frederica: Past Member

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers in America: Railroad Law, 2018-2023

Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star: Business Litigation, Transportation/Maritime; 2013-2018

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rated

- Favorable settlement of construction defect lawsuit on behalf of international insurance syndicate.
- Favorable settlement on behalf of national custodial services company in contractual dispute with Atlanta-area county government.
- Successfully obtained federal court dismissal of all claims against Class I railroad in case involving a pedestrian fatality crossing accident.
- Successfully obtained dismissal on behalf of Class I railroad of employee's claim alleging multiple work-induced repetitive stress injuries.
- Favorable settlement of Alabama state court action brought by deceased railroad employee's estate alleging decedent's lung cancer was caused by occupational exposure to asbestos.
- Favorable settlement following successful *Daubert* challenge in Tennessee state court to medical causation testimony of estate's pathology and toxicology experts in suit brought by former employee's estate alleging mesothelioma caused by occupational exposure to asbestos.
- Favorable settlement during trial in Baltimore, Maryland, of lawsuit brought by living railroad employee alleging mesothelioma caused by steam-era exposure to asbestos at railroad.
- Successfully obtained dismissals or favorable settlements in approximately 350 cases from federal multi-district litigation for asbestos (MDL 875), all remanded simultaneously for trial.
- Obtained favorable language regarding scope of railroad's duty to non-employees from Alabama Supreme Court. 23 So. 3d 625, 635 (Ala. 2009) (Murdock, J., concurring).
- Successfully defended before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals a jury verdict in favor of railroad in living employee's mesothelioma lawsuit.
- Member of defense team that obtained summary reversal by U.S. Supreme Court of adverse opinion of Tennessee Court of Appeals in railroad's appeal of jury verdict in employee lawsuit alleging injuries due to workplace exposure to chemical solvents and asbestos. *CSX Transp. v. Hensley*, 556 U.S. 838 (2009).
- Successfully moved for new trial following multimillion-dollar adverse jury verdict in deceased former employee's lawsuit alleging lung cancer caused by occupational exposure to radiation, diesel exhaust fumes, and asbestos; during retrial, successfully moved to exclude expert opinion testimony

of estate's radiation physicist, toxicologist, industrial hygienist, and treating physician, and thereafter obtained summary judgment; *rev'd on appeal* by 467 S.W.3d 413 (2015).

PRESENTATIONS

Potential for Exposure from Asbestos-Containing Products

Presented at the Occup. Claims Conference in 2015.

Lowering Medical Damages under the Affordable Care Act

Presented at the NARTC Meeting in 2014.

The Unreliability of B-Reads in Asbestos Litigation

Presented at the Occup. Claims Conference in 2014.

Daubert Challenges to Medical Causation Testimony

Presented at the NARTC Meeting in 2013.

Strict Liability under Federal Railroad Administration Regulations

Presented at the NARTC Meeting in 2012.

Update on Federal Multidistrict Litigation for Asbestos

Presented at the Occup. Claims Conference in 2011.