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PRACTICE AREAS

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Real Estate Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Banking & Finance
Health Care
Hospitality & Retail
Logistics & Supply Chain
Manufacturing

LICENSED IN

Georgia
Montana
South Carolina

EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law: J.D.,
cum laude, 1989

Whitman College: two B.A. degrees, 1986

EXPERIENCE

Kirby Mason is a partner in the litigation practice group and serves as HunterMaclean's general counsel, contributing over thirty years of experience to the Firm.

A tough litigator, Kirby is at home in the courtroom where she presents the facts and law in a straightforward manner. She is equally effective in front of a jury as in a bench trial or in mediation/arbitration proceedings.

Over the years, Kirby has litigated a variety of cases. Her breadth of training and knowledge permits her to represent businesses in contract disputes, litigate real estate issues, and defend banking institutions. She has successfully represented employers who have faced employment claims as well as medical providers who have been charged with professional negligence, resulting in numerous defense verdicts.

Kirby is admitted to the State Bars of Georgia, South Carolina, and Montana. She is admitted to practice in all courts in Georgia, South Carolina, and Montana; the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Georgia; the U.S. District Court of South Carolina; and the U.S. Supreme Court. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Defense Research Institute (DRI), and the Savannah Bar Association and remains an active board member of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association, after previously serving as president of the organization. She has also served on the Firm's management committee.

Kirby received two B.A. degrees from Whitman College in 1986 and graduated, cum laude, from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1989. Her civic and volunteer efforts include: having served as a board member for Greenbriar Children's Center, Savannah's Rape Crisis Center, the Boy Scouts of America, the Emmaus House, and Hancock Day School; volunteering at her church; participating in the Truancy Intervention Program; volunteering in Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build in Rincon, Georgia; and serving on the Allocation Panel of United Way for several years. She participated in Leadership Savannah and was recognized as a Community STAR.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Employment Law

- *Burkett v. Vidalia Medical Associates*: Trial resulting in defense verdict in sexual harassment case.
- *Matos v. Fulcrum Properties*: Trial resulting in defense verdict in race/na-

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

American Bar Foundation: Fellow

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association:
Past President; Board Member

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Savannah Bar Association

State Bar of Georgia

State Bar of Montana

State Bar of South Carolina

COMMUNITY WORK

Big Brothers & Sisters: Past Board
Member

Boy Scouts of America: Past Board
Member

Girls on the Run: Past Board Member

Greenbriar Children's Center: Past Board
Member

Emmaus House: Past Board Member

Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build:
Volunteer Builder

Hancock Day School: Past Board Member

Leadership Savannah: Class of 2009

Marshes of Skidaway Island: Past Board
Member

Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire:
Past Board Member

Truancy Intervention Program of
Chatham County: Volunteer

United Way: Allocation Panel, Volunteer;
Past Chair

Wesley Monumental United Methodist
Church: Pastoral Relations Committee,

tional origin discrimination case.

- *Bigglest v. Keystone Savannah, LLC*: Motion to dismiss granted in race discrimination suit.
- *Bellamy v. Intermarine USA, LP*: Motion to dismiss granted in race discrimination suit.
- *Dorsey v. Memorial Medical Center*: Summary judgment granted in race discrimination suit.
- *Jones v. Hinchey and St. Joseph Hospital*: Summary judgment granted in ERISA, Title VII suit.
- *Lee v. Southeast Fast Food Partners, LP*: Summary judgment granted in ADA suit.
- *Cooper v. National Linen Service*: Summary judgment granted on claim for intentional infliction of emotional distress.

General Civil Litigation

- *Spies v. DeLoach Brokerage, Inc.*: Summary judgment in case involving real estate dispute.
- *Osborne, Uhlig, Reinke, Lokey, Harris and Hunt v. Drayprop LLC et al.*: Summary judgment in real estate dispute.
- *Baker v. Bascombe*: Trial resulting in \$1 verdict for plaintiff in construction dispute.
- *English v. Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus*: Summary judgment granted in premises liability action.
- *Wilkins v. Memorial*: Trial resulting in defense verdict in premises liability action.
- *Shuman v. Strickland Transport-Leasing Company*: Trial resulting in defense verdict in trucking accident.
- *Chester v. Lismore and Consolidated Stores Corporation*: Trial resulting in defense verdict for alleged assault and battery.
- *Kelly v. BB&T*: Secured payment of mortgage in dispute over legal ownership of land.

Past Member

RECOGNITION

American Bar Foundation: Fellow

Best Lawyers in America: Medical Malpractice Law

Georgia Super Lawyers

Community STAR

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rated

Medical Malpractice

- Ferguson v. Memorial: Arbitration resulting in defense verdict in case of alleged surgical negligence.
- Peterson v. Memorial: Trial resulting in defense verdict in case of alleged nursing negligence.
- Scott v. Memorial: Arbitration resulting in defense verdict in wrongful death claim.
- Chadwick v. Memorial: Arbitration resulting in defense verdict in case of alleged nursing negligence.
- Williams v. Memorial: Trial resulting in defense verdict involving claim of nursing negligence.

ARTICLES

Arbitration of Employment Disputes

Published on October 21, 2015, in *Business in Savannah*.

An Injury Doesn't Mean Someone Did Something Wrong

Published on July 24, 2013, in *Business in Savannah*.

Guidance for Criminal Background Checks

Published on July 25, 2012, in *Business in Savannah*.

ADR: Is it Right for You?

Published on November 15, 2007, in *Inside The Minds, Alternative Dispute Resolution Strategies*.

Litigation Attorneys Ease Business Disputes

Published on December 31, 1999, in *Business in Savannah*.

PRESENTATIONS

Decision-Making for Mental Healthcare Patients

Presented for Grand Rounds in 2011.

Temporary Healthcare Placement Act

Presented for a health care client in 2011.