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Practice Areas

[Appellate](#)

[Automotive Litigation](#)

[Product Liability](#)

Bar & Court Admissions

Alabama State Bar

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Middle
District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of Alabama

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Eleventh Circuit

Bio

Alan Thomas takes a personal interest in the success of his clients. Early in his career, he earned a reputation for being determined, tireless and relentless in his goal to achieve excellence and favorable outcomes for the companies he represents. The son of a cattle rancher, Alan has a heavy-duty work ethic. He brings a tenacious energy to the firm and to every case he takes on. He brings more than three decades of trial experience to the firm and takes an interactive and highly collaborative approach to building relationships with clients, judges and juries alike.

Since joining the firm in 1985, Alan has litigated on behalf of large automobile manufacturers, successfully defending them in cases involving every form of product liability. His personal interest in building and restoring cars provides him with a unique perspective and understanding of his specialized practice area of automotive product liability. And, his extensive experience defending clients in State and Federal courts has earned him national recognition and respect in all types of product liability and complex litigation. Alan regularly serves as lead trial counsel and coordinating counsel throughout the Southeast and across the country. He is passionate about the law, and welcomes the unpredictability that comes with practicing it. He enjoys the variety from day to day and case to case, and takes great pleasure in the opportunity to serve as an investigator, influencer, advocate and always a true professional.

When he's not working, Alan spends time with his family, including his three boys: Jonathon, Jackson and David.

Alan earned his BS from Auburn University and his JD from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.



Supreme Court of the United States

Memberships

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association

American Bar Association

Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine

Birmingham Bar Association

Business Council of Alabama

Defense Research Institute

Diversity Law Institute

Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

International Association of Defense Counsel

Product Liability Advisory Council

Society of Automotive Engineers

Trial Law Institute

Distinctions & Contributions

- 01 Listed by [The Best Lawyers in America](#) since 2001 for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2001 – 2024)
- 02 Chambers USA Guide “Leaders in their Field” Honoree (2015, 2016, [2017](#), [2018](#), [2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), 2023)
- 03 Listed by Super Lawyers (2008-2022)
- 04 Named a [Local Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation 2021](#)
- 05 Award Winner, 2020 Birmingham Business Journal [Best of the Bar](#)
- 06 Listed, [Who’s Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2020](#)
- 07 Speaker, Alabama Court Reporters Association “Writing Is Power” 2020 Convention
- 08 Named a [Local Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation 2020](#)
- 09 Co-Author, “[Demonstrative Trial Exhibit Communication: Or “A Day at the Improv,”](#) DRI Trials and Tribulations: Volume 25 Issue 4 (December 2019)
- 10 Named a [Local Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation 2019](#)
- 11 [Best Lawyers 2017 Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year”](#) in Birmingham
- 12 Named among [America’s Top 100 High Stakes Litigators for Alabama](#) in 2018
- 13 Faculty, DRI 2018 Product Liability Conference in San Diego; “Biomechanics & Injury Causation – Recent Experiments in Occupant Kinematics and Injury Mechanisms”
- 14 Listed, [Who’s Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2017](#)
- 15 Speaker, Alabama Tire Dealers Association 2016 Annual Convention in Orange Beach
- 16 [Best Lawyers 2014 Product Liability Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year”](#) in Birmingham

- 17 “Products Liability and Contributory Negligence in the Wake of Williams v. Delta International Machinery Corp.”, published in The Alabama Lawyer
- 18 “Products Liability—Warning to Prescribing Physician Regarding Unavoidably Unsafe Drugs Held Adequate Under A.E.M.L.D.”, Cumb. L Rev.
- 19 Co-authored “The Application of Seat Belt Laws in Automotive Trials”, DRI
- 20 “Crashworthiness-Based Product Liability and Contributory Negligence In the Use of the Product”, The Alabama Lawyer
- 21 “Personal Responsibility in Product Liability: Who is Responsible for What and Why?”, American Journal of Trial Advocacy
- 22 Quoted in Litigators on Experts, Strategies for Managing Expert Witnesses from Retention through Trial
- 23 Faculty – International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy (2009)
- 24 International Association of Defense Counsel 2011 Midyear Meeting Defense Research Institute – Strictly Automotive Seminar (September 2011)
- 25 Frequent speaker in various other automotive industry and/or legal meetings, seminars and conferences