



# Alan Thomas

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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	Distinctions & Contributions	
States	01	Named a Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation (2018-2025)
Memberships  Alabama Defense Lawyers	02	Listed by The Best Lawyers in America since 2001 for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
Association	03	Chambers USA Guide Honoree (2015-2025)
American Bar Association	04	Listed by Super Lawyers (2008-2024)
Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine	05	Award Winner, 2020 Birmingham Business Journal Best of the Bar
Birmingham Bar Association	06	Listed, Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2020
Defense Research Institute  Diversity Law Institute	07	Speaker, Alabama Court Reporters Association "Writing Is Power" 2020 Convention
International Association of Defense Counsel	08	Co-Author, " <u>Demonstrative Trial Exhibit Communication: Or</u> <u>"A Day at the Improv</u> ," DRI Trials and Tribulations: Volume 25 Issue 4 (December 2019)
Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America	09	Best Lawyers 2017 Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants  "Lawyer of the Year" in Birmingham
Product Liability Advisory Council Society of Automotive Engineers	10	Named among <u>America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators for</u> <u>Alabama</u> in 2018
	11	Faculty, DRI 2018 Product Liability Conference in San Diego; "Biomechanics & Injury Causation – Recent Experiments in Occupant Kinematics and Injury Mechanisms"
	12	Listed, Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2017
	13	Speaker, Alabama Tire Dealers Association 2016 Annual Convention in Orange Beach
	14	Best Lawyers 2014 Product Liability Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Birmingham
	15	"Products Liability and Contributory Negligence in the Wake of Williams v. Delta International Machinery Corp.", published in <u>The Alabama Lawyer</u>



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