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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

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 wife, Sabrina, and their three boys, Jonathon, Jackson and David.

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



Eleventh Circuit

Distinctions & Contributions

Supreme Court of the United States

- 01 Named a [Local Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation 2020](#)
- 02 Chambers USA Guide “Leaders in their Field” Honoree (2015, 2016, [2017](#), [2018](#), 2019)

Memberships

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association

- 03 Named a [Local Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation 2019](#)
- 04 Named among [America’s Top 100 High Stakes Litigators for Alabama](#) in 2018

American Bar Association

- 05 Faculty, DRI 2018 Product Liability Conference in San Diego; “Biomechanics & Injury Causation – Recent Experiments in Occupant Kinematics and Injury Mechanisms”

Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine

Birmingham Bar Association

- 06 Included in the [Who’s Who Legal: Product Liability Defence 2017 listing](#)

Business Council of Alabama

- 07 [Best Lawyers 2017 Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year”](#) in Birmingham

Defense Research Institute

Diversity Law Institute

- 08 Listed by Super Lawyers (2008-2018)

Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

- 09 Speaker, Alabama Tire Dealers Association 2016 Annual Convention in Orange Beach

International Association of Defense Counsel

- 10 [Best Lawyers 2014 Product Liability Litigation – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year”](#) in Birmingham

Product Liability Advisory Council

- 11 Listed by The Best Lawyers in America since 2001 for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Society of Automotive Engineers

Trial Law Institute

- 12 “Products Liability and Contributory Negligence in the Wake of Williams v. Delta International Machinery Corp.”, published in [The Alabama Lawyer](#)
- 13 “Products Liability—Warning to Prescribing Physician Regarding Unavoidably Unsafe Drugs Held Adequate Under A.E.M.L.D.”, [Cumb. L Rev.](#)
- 14 Co-authored “The Application of Seat Belt Laws in Automotive Trials”, [DRI](#)
- 15 “Crashworthiness-Based Product Liability and Contributory

- Negligence In the Use of the Product”, [The Alabama Lawyer](#)
- 16 “Personal Responsibility in Product Liability: Who is Responsible for What and Why?”, [American Journal of Trial Advocacy](#)
- 17 Quoted in [Litigators on Experts, Strategies for Managing Expert Witnesses from Retention through Trial](#)
- 18 Faculty – International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy (2009)
- 19 International Association of Defense Counsel 2011 Midyear Meeting Defense Research Institute – Strictly Automotive Seminar (September 2011)
- 20 Frequent speaker in various other automotive industry and/or legal meetings, seminars and conferences