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Jeff Melcher has over 30 years of experience in commercial, business, and liability defense litigation. He acts as regional defense and coverage counsel for numerous transportation liability, casualty defense, EPLI, and D&O and E&O carriers. He has successfully litigated numerous defense and coverage actions nationwide. Jeff's experience further includes representing clients in the medical and allied health care fields, trucking and transportation fields, insurance and bad faith claims, toxic tort and product liability matters, as well as a full array of real estate litigation. He has successfully handled numerous business disputes, and comprehensive general liability, premises liability, and casualty defense claims of all kinds.

Jeff also has substantial experience with professional malpractice defense including claims against physicians, nurses, dentists, and other medical providers; hospitals and other treatment centers; and attorneys, accountants, architects, and surveyors.

Jeff also regularly defends employers and self-insureds in workers' compensation defense matters, and has successfully defended employers in a wide variety of employment law litigation such as employment discrimination claims, restrictive covenant litigation and employment contract litigation. He also has extensive and successful appellate experience.

Jeff is located in the firm's Atlanta and Nashville offices.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Employment Law
- Employment Litigation
- Health Care - Litigation & Investigations
- Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith & Regulatory Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Litigation
- Privacy & Data Security
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Real Estate & Land Use Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Obtained summary judgment in favor of plaintiff manufacturer in multimillion-dollar federal suit for property damages, business interruption and lost profits.
- Successfully defended and resolved a half-billion-dollar D&O action against nationally renowned architectural firm, with zero personal contribution.
- Obtained a dismissal of D&O action against officer of national restaurant chain.
- Obtained summary judgment in major commercial licensing dispute.
- Obtained summary judgment and attorney fees against major TV personality in defense of a bad faith/fraud claim.
- Obtained numerous dismissals in transportation, employment, premises and medical negligence cases.
- Obtained summary judgment in a D&O action against the U.S. officers of a major international residential/commercial product supply company.
- Recent seven-figure trial verdict against a Southeastern U.S. state in commercial collection/business tort dispute.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Alabama
- Georgia
- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. Supreme Court

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by Emily Sides, *Law360 Pulse*, October 18, 2021

MEMBERSHIPS

- Atlanta Bar Association
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- DRI (Defense Research Institute)
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar Lawyers Club of Atlanta
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Atlanta Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Professional Legal Underwriting Society (PLUS)

EDUCATION

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. 1988

- Moot Court Board

Vanderbilt University B.A., with honors 1985

ACCOLADES

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