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## Dylan Reeves

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## Overview

**Dylan Reeves provides experienced, confident, and steady leadership through clients' most difficult legal problems, allowing clients to report to their stakeholders that they are aggressively defending their case with an attorney familiar with their court and the nuances of their industry.**

Dylan represents companies in a broad range of business, corporate, and commercial litigation matters spanning product liability, shareholder disputes, business divorces, heavy equipment, toxic torts, class actions, multidistrict litigation, and bankruptcy. Clients rely on his experience winning early dispositive motions, taking hundreds of depositions, trying numerous jury and bench trials to verdict, and advocating in dozens of appeals.

Dylan has a national practice representing mortgage servicers, investors, loan servicers, credit card issuers, automobile lenders, heavy equipment lenders, and FinTech companies in financial services litigation. He is experienced in consumer protection statutes such as the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Truth in Lending Act, and Telephone Consumer Protection Act. In addition, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti appointed him outside counsel to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for real estate matters. Dylan also maintains a niche national practice defending defamation actions filed by public figures.

Clients rely on Dylan's unique experience as a trial attorney and an appellate advocate to serve as the "appellate attorney at trial" to ensure that the approach during trial results in a viable appellate strategy that preserves all issues for appeal.

## Education

- University of Alabama School of Law, 2009 (J.D.), *cum laude*
- Samford University, 2006 (B.A.)

## Bar Admissions

- Alabama
- Florida
- Kentucky
- Missouri
- Tennessee
- Texas

## Community Involvement

- University of Alabama National Alumni Association, Nashville Chapter, Former President
- St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

## Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Insurance Law, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs, 2023-present
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, Financial Services Regulation Law, Insurance Law, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs, 2021
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2017-2019, 2024
- *Birmingham Business Journal*, Rising Stars, 2016

## Memberships

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Consumer Litigation Committee co-Chair
- *Tilley's Alabama Equity*, 5th ed., Thomson Reuters, Editor, 2022
- *The Alabama Lawyer*, Board of Editors, former member
- *Florida Bar Journal*, Board of Editors, former member
- Birmingham Bar Association, Future Leaders Forum, Class of 2012; Civil Court Procedures Committee, former member; Scholarship Committee, former member

## Presentations and Publications

- "Restoring Fair Notice: It Is Time to Revisit Alabama's Pleading Standard," *Cumberland Law Review*, Volume 54 Issue 1, November 2024
- *Tilley's Alabama Equity*, 6th ed., Thomson Reuters, Contributing Author, 2023
- "Tort Liability for Manufacturers of Violent Video Games: A Situational Discussion of the Causation Calamity," *60 Alabama Law Review* 519, 2009
- "Post-Trial and Appeal, The Trial Compendium," Defense Research Institute (DRI), 2017
- "Civil Procedure and Judicial Review Outside of Trial," National Business Institute (NBI), Birmingham, Alabama, December 2011
- "A Practical Guide to Federal Court Pleadings, Discovery and Evidence," NBI, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, July 2012
- "Applying the Rules of Evidence: What Every Attorney Needs to Know," NBI, Birmingham, Alabama, August 2012
- "The Rules of Evidence: A Practical Toolkit," NBI, Huntsville, Alabama, August 2013
- "Applying the Rules of Evidence: What Every Attorney Needs to Know" NBI, Birmingham, Alabama, December 2014
- "Hearsay, Email, Business Records and Social Media – in the Trenches!" NBI, Birmingham, Alabama, August 2014

- "Email, Smartphone and Social Media Evidence: A Practical How-To Guide," NBI, Birmingham, Alabama, October 2016

## **Related Experience**

- Represented an aircraft engineering client in federal action involving misappropriation of trade secrets valued at over \$100 million.
- Defended former directors and officers of failed bank against claims by FDIC arising from the approval of loans that resulted in losses of \$70 million.
- Served as coordinating counsel for an insurance company in mass action asserting claims of fraud and bad faith arising from natural disasters in Texas.
- Represented an international supplier in a dispute with the federal government over a \$15 million contract.
- Represented minority ownership interests in a lawsuit involving derivative claims of breach of fiduciary duty, as well as individual claims for minority shareholder oppression.
- Represented a television network in federal action involving derivative claims valued in excess of \$3 million.
- Represented a trade group of Alabama breweries in challenging regulations by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.
- Successfully defended – in state court and on appeal – an opinion columnist against defamation claims brought by public official.