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Will focuses his practice on product liability litigation and has been recognized by Super Lawyers® as a “Mid-South Rising Star” for his work in personal injury defense.

PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Product Liability Litigation
- Energy Industry Team

EXPERIENCE

- *Bouchillon, et al v. Deere & Co., et al* – defense verdict. Case was recognized as one of The Harmonie Group’s 2010 Significant Cases.
- *Adams v. Banks et al.*, United States District Court Southern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 5:08-cv-154 (jury trial - defense verdict)
- *Tate v. D.C.F. Facility, et. al.*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 4:07-cv-162 (bench trial - defense verdict)
- *Russell Moore Farms v. BASF Corporation et al.*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 1:07-cv-85 (jury trial - mistrial)
- *Dawson Farms, LLC v. BASF Corporation et al.*, United States District Court Western District of Louisiana Civil Action No. 06-0737 (seven day jury trial - settlement)
- *Skinner v. Roach*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 4:05-cv-24 (bench trial - judgment as a matter of law)
- *Jon Tate v. Deere & Company et al.*, National Arbitration Forum Claim No. MX0812002187777 (dismissal of claims as to Deere defendants and award of \$25,000 on counterclaim).
- *Bouchillon v. Deere & Company et al.*, Circuit Court of Panola County First Judicial District Civil Action No. 2009-048 (partial summary judgment)
- *Magee v. Banks, et al.*, United States District Court Southern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 5:09-cv-142 (summary judgment)
- *Aria Maldonado v. TCCF*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 2:08-cv-165 (summary judgment)

- *Torrey v. Banks*, United States District Court Southern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 5:08-cv-289 (summary judgment)
- *Ward v. CCA*, (summary judgment) United States District Court Southern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 5:08-cv-241
- *Dobbs v. Canteen*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 4:07-cv-190 (summary judgment)
- *Sayles v. Tucker*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 2:07-cv-152 (summary judgment)
- *Jones v. CCA*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 2:06-cv-182 (summary judgment)
- *Moore v. Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.*, Circuit Court Grenada County Mississippi Civil Action No. 06-247-CV-L (partial summary judgment)
- *Stewart v. Herrington*, United States District Court Southern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 5:06-cv-177 (summary judgment)
- *Tingle v. CCA*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 4:06-cv-214 (summary judgment)
- *Purtell v. CCA*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 2:05-cv-192 (summary judgment)
- *Tate v. CCA*, United States District Court Southern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 5:05-cv-166 (summary judgment)
- *Whitney v. CCA*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 2:05-cv-110 (summary judgment)
- *Bunton v. D.C. Facility*, United States District Court Northern District of Mississippi Civil Action No. 4:04-cv-354 (summary judgment)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Mississippi, 2006
- U.S. District Courts
 - Mississippi: Northern, Southern
- U.S. Court of Appeals
 - 5th Circuit

DISTINCTIONS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2019-2020
- *Super Lawyers*®
 - Mid-South Rising Star, Personal Injury - Products: Defense, 2012-2019

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association
- Capital Area Bar Association

EDUCATION & HONORS

- Mississippi College, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2006
- University of Mississippi, M.A., Accountancy, 2004
- University of Mississippi, B.A., Accountancy, 2002

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Expert Opinions Regarding Feasible Alternative Designs and When They are Not Enough," *The MDLA Quarterly*, Fall 2012.
- Co-Author, "The Mississippi Supreme Court Issues A Get-Out-of-Jail Card to Unlicensed Engineers Offering Expert Testimony," *IADC Committee Newsletter*, December 2012.
- Presenter, "Wrapping Up – Settlements, Judgments, Appeals and Enforcement," National Business Institute, March 2012.
- Co-Author, "Warranty and Product Liability Have Collided: Now What?" *DRI For the Defense ACMIE Newsletter*, July 2011.
- Author, "Dealing With the Three-Headed Product Liability Complaint," *The MDLA Quarterly*, Summer 2011.
- Co-Author, "Mississippi Jury Instructions for Product Liability Claims and Defenses," Product Liability Advisory Committee, August 2009.
- Recognized, "2010 Significant Cases," The Harmonie Group, pg. 2.