

# LEGAL UPDATE

## CUNNINGHAM BOUNDS LLC

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Nothing – not even a global pandemic – will stop Cunningham Bounds from aggressively representing its clients and bringing their cases to a successful resolution.

Our work has not stopped. Our cases are moving forward. At the beginning of this crisis, our firm moved quickly to institute remote work procedures to keep our staff and our clients safe and healthy. We have state-of-the-art video conferencing technology that allows our attorneys to take depositions anywhere in the world. Each of our attorneys has a fully functioning home office with access to computer servers that have electronic versions of every file accessible at any time. Our staff members can electronically file any pleading in any court where we have cases pending.



Our firm specializes in cases involving injuries and deaths resulting from automobile and trucking collisions, industrial incidents, and defective products. We also handle cases involving fraud, commercial litigation, and consumer protection. We represent clients across the country who have developed various forms of cancer after being exposed to dangerous chemicals in RoundUp® and Zantac®. We are open, we are accepting cases, and we are here to help you.

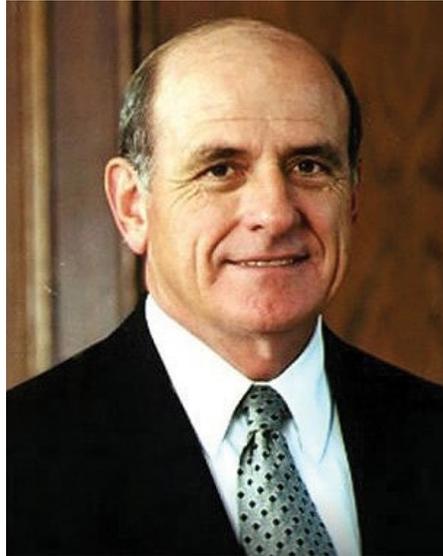
While we are doing everything in our power to continue our work with the same speed and resolute determination for which we have always been known, we recognize that the world has dramatically changed for each of you. Cunningham Bounds sends its deepest sympathies to all of those affected by the coronavirus pandemic. For those stricken with the virus, we hope for a full recovery. For those who have lost their jobs, we hope for a solid restoration of the economy. For those who have been separated from loved ones, we hope you will be reunited soon.



Founded in 1958, Cunningham Bounds has been representing plaintiffs for over 60 years. We have a long and successful history of helping people who have been injured or harmed by the wrongdoing of others. Our firm was born out of the desire to create change and improve lives. We thoroughly prepare each case. We leave no stone unturned, no evidence untouched, and no detail unexamined. This precision and focus ensures that we present each client's very best case to the jury. Today, our goal remains as it was in 1958 - to achieve the best possible result for each client by holding people and companies accountable for their wrongdoing.

# Accolades

**John T. Crowder, Jr.** recently received the **2020 Distinguished Alumni Award** from the University of South Alabama (USA), which is awarded to individuals for outstanding accomplishments and leadership in their respective career fields. A 1969 graduate of USA, Mr. Crowder practiced law in Mobile for more than 35 years and is considered one of the founding partners of Cunningham Bounds. USA recognized Mr. Crowder for a whole host of distinguished accomplishments, including his work obtaining a \$3.5 billion verdict against Exxon Mobil corporation on behalf of the state of Alabama and for being named Lawyer of the Year by The National Law Journal. Mr. Crowder also established a scholarship fund for pre-law students at USA.



Cunningham Bounds was one of only two Alabama law firms to receive a "Band 1" ranking – the highest ranking possible – in the practice area of "Litigation: Mainly Plaintiff" in the **2020 Chambers USA** guide of leading law firms. The qualities on which rankings are assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, and commitment.

This year's guide stated that the Cunningham Bounds team is known as an "expert group of plaintiff attorneys with a long history of major trial victories in the areas of medical malpractice, wrongful death, personal injury and product liability." It also noted the firm is "known for its frequent handling of nationwide class actions and mass torts against significant national and international corporations" and its "handling [of] disputes related to environmental contamination, pension plans and major fraudulent activity."

In addition, five of the firm's partners were recognized in the 2020 Chambers USA rankings:

- Robert Cunningham – only attorney in Alabama recognized as a "Senior Statesperson"
- Joseph "Buddy" Brown
- Greg Breedlove
- George "Skip" Finkbohner
- David Cain Jr.

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**Benchmark Litigation** also named Cunningham Bounds as one of its "Highly Recommended" firms in Alabama for 2020. Receiving Benchmark's highest ranking is an honor, shared with only nine other firms in the state. In addition to Cunningham Bounds' firm ranking, eight of its attorneys were individually recognized in the 2020 guide. Seven were named "Local Litigation Stars": **Greg Breedlove, Joseph "Buddy" Brown, Toby Brown, David Cain, Jr., George "Skip" Finkbohner, Steve Olen** and **Lucy Tufts**. **Robert Mitchell** was recognized as one of Benchmark's "Future Stars."

**BENCHMARK  
LITIGATION** 

# Cunningham Bounds Obtains \$3 Million Jury Verdict for Client Injured in Trucking Case



A Mobile County, Alabama jury recently returned a \$3 million verdict against Langer Transport Corporation for a crash involving one of its tractor trailer tanker trucks. On the night of the crash, the plaintiff, Kevin Wade, was travelling northbound on Interstate 65 in Mobile County in his Ford F-250 pickup truck. Due to engine or mechanical trouble, the pickup was being driven below the speed limit in the center lane with its hazard lights illuminated and flashing. At approximately 12:40 a.m., a tanker rig operated by Langer Transport crashed into the back of Mr. Wade's pickup at over 60 miles per hour. As a result, the pickup truck was crushed and subsequently caught on fire. Mr. Wade was ejected from his pickup truck on impact and suffered significant injuries, including a traumatic brain injury.

During the almost two-week trial, Cunningham Bounds attorneys presented evidence that Langer Transport's driver was likely cognitively distracted and unable to

devote his full attention and concentration to safely operating the tanker rig due to three felony indictments that were pending against the driver. Our attorneys also presented evidence proving that Langer's driver was operating the tanker rig in violation of Langer Transport's corporate safety policy requiring its drivers to drive 5 mph below the posted speed limit. By failing to follow this safety policy, the time and distance available to the driver to prevent the crash was reduced.

"All the tanker driver had to do was slow down or change lanes when he saw the pickup truck with its flashers on – and, if he had done that, this horrific crash would never have happened. Thankfully, the jury stood up for Mr. Wade and held Langer Transport accountable for its safety failures," said Robert L. Mitchell of Cunningham Bounds, who along with law partner, Billy Bonner, represented the Wade family.





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If you have a legal question, or have a potential lawsuit due to death or physical or financial injury, give us a call. We will answer your questions and evaluate your potential case free of charge. If you have a potential case that is outside our area of expertise, we will refer you to a highly respected and qualified attorney who practices in that area.

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