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Recently, a Mobile County, Alabama jury returned a \$1.59 million verdict against Hamilton Trucking for causing a dangerous collision on the side of Interstate 65 that injured two people, one of which we represented.

In August 2019, our client was a passenger in a vehicle that pulled over on the side of the interstate to assist other drivers who had just been involved in a crash. Our client stepped out of the car minutes before a 30,000 pound Hamilton Trucking dump truck spun out of control and crashed into our client, knocking her to the ground and pinning her arm under a tire.



As a result of the crash, our client was traumatically injured, suffering severe fractures of her radius and ulna. She endured a surgery that involved permanently affixing metal plates and screws in her arm and left her with large scars. She incurred over \$40,000 in medical bills as a result of the crash.

Cunningham Bounds filed suit in Mobile County, Alabama, and the evidence showed that the driver of the truck followed the traffic around him too closely, and as a consequence, slammed on his brakes when the traffic around him began to slow. The evidence also showed that the truck driver knew his vehicle did not have an anti-lock braking system. He was also aware that slamming on his brakes could lock them up and cause his truck to spin out of control, just like it did on the day of the crash. Ultimately, the driver caused a dangerous crash that injured our client. There was no settlement offer from the defendant before trial.

The case was tried by Jenna Jayjohn and Aaron Maples of Cunningham Bounds.



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



## Welcome – Amanda Herren

The attorneys of Cunningham Bounds are pleased to announce that Amanda Herren has joined the firm as an Associate. Amanda earned her Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Harding University, and her Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law. Previously, she served as a prosecutor with the Mobile County District Attorney's Office, where she was an advocate for the victims of violent crime and their families. Her practice will focus on personal injury litigation, including automobile and trucking accidents, industrial accidents, premises liability, products liability, and medical malpractice cases.

## Cunningham Bounds Receives Top Ranking from Benchmark Litigation

Cunningham Bounds has received Benchmark Litigation's top ranking of "Highly Recommended" in Alabama for 2022. Only 10 firms in Alabama were recognized with this honor.

In addition to the firm receiving Benchmark Litigation's highest ranking, nine partners were recognized in the 2022 guide. **Greg Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Toby Brown, David Cain, Robert Cunningham, Skip Finkbohner, Steve Olen** and **Lucy Tufts** were named "Local Litigation Stars," with **Robert Mitchell** recognized as a "Future Star."

Firms and attorneys cannot pay to be recognized, and Benchmark Litigation is the only publication on the market to focus exclusively on litigation in the United States. The results of Benchmark Litigation stem from the culmination of a six-month period during which researchers conduct extensive interviews with litigators and their clients. The list of "Local Litigation Stars" for each state reflects only those individuals who were recommended consistently as reputable and effective litigators by clients and peers.



## Best Lawyers® Honors 13 Cunningham Bounds Attorneys in 2022 Edition

All 13 of the Partners of **Cunningham Bounds** were recently recognized by The Best Lawyers in America®. Those attorneys recognized in Best Lawyers® were **Billy Bonner, Greg Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Toby Brown, David Cain, Brian Duncan, Skip Finkbohner, Robert Mitchell, Steve Nicholas, Steve Olen, Lucy Tufts** and **David Wirtes**. **Aaron N. Maples** earned Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch recognition. Two of these attorneys also received Best Lawyers 2022 "Lawyer of the Year" awards in Mobile: **David Cain** for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs and **Steve Olen** for Litigation – Bankruptcy.

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# We're the Law Firm People Turn to When Their Futures Are at Stake



Unfortunately, the old saying “bad things happen to good people” is true, and the attorneys of Cunningham Bounds have seen it time and time again. We receive calls and emails daily from individuals who have been injured – through no fault of their own – and need our help and legal expertise.

In each of our cases, we represent people who have endured a catastrophic injury or a death in their family. Our clients are mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, siblings, and children. Here are just a few examples of lawsuits we are currently handling:

## Trucking Accidents

- For a woman seriously injured by a distracted driver
- For a young mother who was catastrophically injured when a cement mixer travelling too fast over-turned in a curve and landed on her vehicle
- For the families of two people, stopped in two different vehicles, involved in a chain-reaction crash caused by a fatigued truck driver
- For a woman rear-ended by an inattentive dump truck driver

## Medical Malpractice

- For the parents of a 10-month-old child who died while in the hospital because of a misdiagnosis

- For the wife of a man who died after a mistake was made during routine heart surgery
- For the mother of a young man who died in the hospital after he was given excessive narcotics

## Product Liability

- For a woman who was severely injured because the seatback in her car broke when she was hit from behind in a collision
- For a man and his family after he suffered life-altering injuries when his bicycle malfunctioned due to a missing bolt

## Industrial Accidents

- For a young man who was paralyzed when steel bars fell from a crane
- For a man burned and disfigured during an explosion at a mill
- For a woman whose hand was crushed and severely burned due to equipment failure
- For a man whose foot was crushed by plant machinery

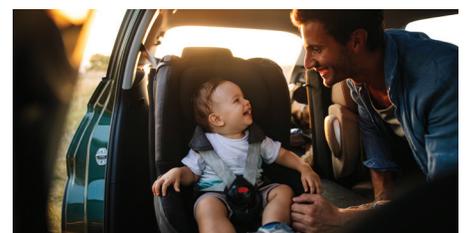
## Wrongful Death

- For the family of a woman who died from carbon monoxide poisoning in her apartment
- For the family of a contractor crushed to death while he was working at a chemical plant

- For the family of a man whose death was caused by carbon monoxide poisoning while on vacation at a resort
- For the family of a passenger killed in a helicopter crash in California
- For the family of a man who died after falling in a healthcare facility resulting in head and face injuries that went untreated

Again, these are just a few examples of the cases we are handling and the people we are currently helping. If you have been injured and want to find out if you have a case, just give us a call. We are here to answer your questions and pursue legal action if needed. If you become a client of Cunningham Bounds, we take charge of the legal details – allowing you to focus on yourself, on your family, and on healing.

We are proud of the fact that because of the litigation we have pursued, products have become safer, medical policies and procedures have become more effective, and countless individuals have received just compensation for their injuries.





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“No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers.”

## In Our **Community**

Cunningham Bounds was pleased to serve as a sponsor for Our Sisters' Closet and its annual **“Purse With Purpose”** fundraiser. The event was held virtually on November 7th. All proceeds will be used to support Our Sisters' Closet's mission of helping

disadvantaged women who are job seeking by providing free interview and workplace clothing, as well as job search support for women, men and teens. For more information on Our Sisters' Closet, or to find out how you can help, visit: <https://www.oursisterscloset.org>.

