

Billy is a "think-outside-the-box" attorney whose creative approach and hard work have resulted in beat-the-odds wins for his clients. A powerful combination of drive, resourcefulness, and intelligence is the hallmark of Billy's work. He is one of the few attorneys at the firm that devotes equal time to both personal injury and business cases. This diversity in his practice forms the foundation of his unique and focused approach to his clients' problems.

Billy enjoys handling complex cases that require a full and detailed understanding of how products, businesses, and markets work. In recent years, he has handled cases involving industrial explosions, commercial trucking accidents, aviation accidents, interest-rate swaps, and employment fraud. His cases have garnered nationwide publicity

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and have been reported by the Wall Street Journal, The New Times, Fox News, and CNN. Since 2013, Billy has recovered over \$175 million for his clients.

Some of Billy's successes:

- \$11 million settlement for a man who suffered multiple amputations as a result of negligent medical treatment he received at an urgent care clinic
- Nearly \$10 million verdict for a local sewer company defrauded by a regional bank
- \$8.5 million judgment for the family of a pilot killed in a helicopter crash
- \$7.5 million settlement for family of motorcyclist killed in a crash by a delivery driver
- \$6 million settlement for the family of a young man killed by an improperly secured pressure cylinder
- \$3.2 million settlement for the family of a man killed in an industrial explosion
- \$3.2 million settlement for the children of a man killed in a motorcycle crash
- \$3 million jury verdict for a man who suffered a head injury in a crash with an 18-wheeler
- \$1.75 million jury verdict for a yacht owner against an insurance company that refused to compensate him for the total loss of his yacht

A former member of the Spring Hill College baseball team and named All-American in 2000 and 2002, Billy was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. After graduating from Spring Hill College, he enrolled in law school at the University of Alabama, where he graduated *summa cum laude* in 2005. During law school, Billy was inducted into the Order of the Coif, was a Hugo Black Scholar, and received the Dean Leigh Harrison Award for academic excellence. He also served as a senior editor of the Alabama Law Review.

## BAR ADMISSIONS/EDUCATION

- Alabama State Bar (2005)
- Georgia State Bar (2023)
- Mississippi State Bar (2019)
- University of Alabama, J.D., summa cum laude, (2005)
- Spring Hill College, B.S., International Business, *cum laude*, (2002)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- Alabama Bar Association, Member
- Alabama Association for Justice, Member
- American Association for Justice, Member
- Atlanta Bar Association, Member
- Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Mississippi Bar Association, Member
- Mobile Bar Association, Member
- Mobile Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, Board of Directors (2009)
- Senior Editor, Alabama Law Review

## RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America®, Listed (2016 present)
- Super Lawyers, Listed as one of Alabama & the Mid-South Region's top plaintiff attorneys (2021-present)
- Super Lawyers, Listed as one of Alabama & the Mid-South Region's Rising Stars (2013–2020)
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers (2023-present)
- National Trial Lawyers Top "40 Under 40" trial lawyers in Alabama (2014–2020)
- Recognized as one of Mobile's "40 Under 40" (2012)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent<sup>™</sup>
  4.8/5.0 Peer Rating
- Inducted into the Order of the Coif
- Hugo Black Scholar
- Received the Dean M. Leigh Harrison award for academic excellence