

Dave works behind the scenes on strategic planning, legal issues, and appeals.

Dave's efforts over the past forty years have helped protect working men and women in Alabama and throughout the country in ways most will never know: he has won many battles against unfair "tort reform" laws such as indiscriminate caps on recoverable damages, special immunity statutes, and other efforts intended to deprive people of their constitutional rights to trial by jury and an adequate remedy for their injuries and losses.

Dave is admitted to practice before all state and federal courts serving Alabama and Mississippi, the Fifth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been rated by his peers as "AV" (preeminent for ethical standards and legal abilities) as shown at martindale.com.

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Colleagues have commented "Dave is the premier appellate lawyer in Alabama." "He has more experience and success than any lawyer in the state."

Dave helps his colleagues through service in numerous professional organizations. He is a member of the Alabama State Bar Association and has served on its Ethics Committee, its Long-Range Planning Committee, and as an editor of *The Alabama Lawyer*.

Dave is a long-time member of the Alabama Supreme Court's Standing Committee on the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Dave is a member of the Mobile County and Baldwin County Bar Associations and has served on many committees, including as Chairman, Ethics Committee; Chairman, Bench and Bar Conference Committee; Co-chairman, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; and Member, Grievance Committee.

Dave is a Sustaining Member of the Alabama Association for Justice and has served as a Member of its Board of Governors (1992 - 1996) and Executive Committee (1997 - present); Member (1990 - present) and/or Chairman (1997 - 2005) of its Amicus Curiae Committee; and Co-editor of the Alabama Association for Justice Journal (1996 - present).

Dave is also actively involved with the American Association for Justice where he previously served as Alabama's Representative (1999 - 2001) and as a Member of the Board of Governors (2002 - 2004) and continues serving as a Member of its *Amicus Curiae* Committee (1999 - present).

Dave was nominated by colleagues for appointment as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and is now a Senior Fellow. He served as the Chairman of The American Institute of Appellate Practice and is one of just fourteen persons certified nationwide by AIAP as an Appellate Specialist. Dave is a former Officer and Trustee of the National Civil Justice Institute. And he was a Sustaining Member and the former Alabama Representative for Public Justice.

Dave has handled hundreds of appellate matters in Alabama and elsewhere. He has also published many scholarly works in law reviews and journals. He also helps teach his colleagues through frequent presentations at continuing legal education seminars.

Dave is recognized by his peers as worthy of recognition for his service and successes. He is listed in Benchmark Appellate as a "Litigation Star." He is listed in Best Lawyers in America and was named 2016, 2021, 2023, and 2025 "Appellate Lawyer of the Year" for this region. And he has been listed as an Alabama Super Lawyer since 2012.

Outside the courtroom, Dave enjoys photography, traveling, studying military history, and restoring antique automobiles.

## RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Certified as an Appellate Specialist by The American Institute of Appellate Practice
- Benchmark Plaintiff named him a "Litigation Star" in its national rankings of Appellate Attorneys
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2011 - present)
- Named "Lawyer of the Year Appellate Practice" in Mobile, Alabama by Best Lawyers in America® (2016, 2021, 2023, 2025)
- Listed in Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top plaintiff attorneys in Alabama (2012 - present)
- AV® Preeminent™ 5.0/5.0 Peer Rating
- Frequently invited to present at continuing legal education seminars and has spoken on topics such as:
  - Defeating Unlawful Discrimination in Jury Selection
  - ♦ Appellate Practice
  - Perfecting the Appeal
  - ♦ HIPAA and Ex parte Contacts
  - ♦ Recent Updates on the Law
  - ♦ Electronic Discovery
  - ♦ Arbitration and Immunity