

Robert personifies the firm's reputation for skill, tenacity and painstaking preparation. He also takes pride in continuing the firm's long-standing tradition of trying cases to a jury whenever and wherever defendants are unwilling to accept full responsibility for their wrongdoing.

Robert has tried more than two dozen cases to verdict and obtained successful results in some extremely challenging and noteworthy cases. In one of the most conservative venues in the United States, Robert and firm partner Skip Finkbohner obtained a \$14.8 million compensatory verdict for wrongful death and personal injury in a natural gas explosion. In a personal injury case involving a fall at a national chain restaurant, Robert obtained a \$1.78M verdict. With firm partner Lucy Tufts, Robert obtained verdicts of \$1.7M and \$1.0M in an industrial site

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accident and a commercial crash case, respectively. Robert and firm partner David Cain obtained a \$779,477.00 jury verdict for a mechanic who was injured on the job. This outcome is particularly remarkable given that the defendant had only offered one dollar (\$1.00) prior to the verdict.

Robert has also obtained numerous multimillion dollar settlements for his clients in cases involving everything from 18-wheeler crashes to defective consumer products to industrial site injuries. Most recently, he obtained a \$5.0M settlement for the family of a worker who was crushed to death by heavy pipe at an industrial yard. Some other settlements that he has recently obtained include the following:

- \$1.0M settlement for injuries caused at industrial site.
- \$1.8M settlement for injuries caused by improperly maintained equipment.
- \$600k settlement for injuries caused by defective consumer product.
- \$1.5M settlement for injuries in a crash caused by 18-wheeler.
- \$580k settlement for a nurse who was injured by defective product.
- \$3.0M settlement for injuries from fall at industrial site.
- \$1.0M settlement for injuries sustained in diving accident.
- \$750k settlement for worker who suffered injuries at chemical plant.

- \$1.0M settlement for injuries caused by improperly maintained utility truck.
- \$900k settlement for injuries sustained in a crash caused by logging truck.
- \$1.1M settlement for injuries to bicyclist.
- \$650k settlement for injuries in crash caused by commercial vehicle.
- \$6.0M settlement for injuries in a crash caused by a heavy commercial truck.

Robert is passionate about representing the families of men and women who have been seriously injured or killed. Others have taken note. He is rated AV® PreeminentTM by Martindale-Hubbell. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America®. He is listed in Benchmark Plaintiff's ranking of Alabama attorneys as a "Future Star," and has been repeatedly identified as one of Alabama's "Rising Stars" by Super Lawyer magazine.

Away from the office, Robert and his wife take great pleasure in raising their two children. He has served on the Board of Directors for Via!, a charitable organization dedicated to supporting senior citizens in need, on the Senior Bowl Charitable Committee, and most recently on the Board of Ambassadors for the American Cancer Society.

EDUCATION

- Admitted to the Bar in Alabama in 2007
- University of Alabama, J.D., magna cum laude, 2007
- University of Virginia, B.A., 2002

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- AV® Preeminent™
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America® (2016)
- Benchmark Litigation lists him as a "Future Star" in its rankings of Alabama attorneys (2014 – present)
- Listed in Super Lawyers magazine as one of Alabama's Rising Stars (2012 – present)
- Recognized as one of Mobile's "Forty Under 40" (2011)
- Hugo Black Scholar
- Inducted into the Order of the Coif

AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association
- Member of the American Association for Justice
- Member of the Mobile Bar Association
- Served as the Senior Editor for the Alabama Law Review