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cases against mortgage companies who took advantage of their customers during the housing crisis.

Steve's construction practice focuses on significant claims related to large projects. He successfully represented through trial the contractor who built the largest cable stayed bridge in Alabama. He represented the owner of the tallest building in the State of Alabama who was delayed on the construction because of design errors made by the soil engineers. Steve has represented clients locally and throughout the Southeast on construction disputes.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, Steve earned his J.D. in 1984 from the University of Alabama. During law school, he was a member of the Order of the Coif, recipient of the Dean Leigh Harrison Award, the Corpus Juris Secundum Award and the American Jurisprudence Award, and is a Hugo Black Scholar.

Married with two children, Steve is actively working to better the legal profession. He is past president of the Alabama Association of Justice. He recently completed his term as president of the Paul Brock chapter of the American Inns of Court, and serves on the Executive Committee of the South Alabama Trial Lawyers Association. Steve formerly served on the Board of Governors of the American Association of Justice. Steve is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the Alabama Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. He also served as president of the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation.

Steve is the lawyer clients turn to when the stakes are high and they cannot afford to lose.

## EDUCATION

- Admitted to the Bar in Alabama in 1984
- University of Alabama, J.D., 1984
- University of Georgia, B.B.A., 1981

## AFFILIATIONS

- Past President of the Alabama Association for Justice
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation
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- Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America
- Served as Chairman of the Business Torts and Antitrust Section of the Alabama State Bar
- Served on the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice
- Past President, Paul W. Brock American Inns of Court

## RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Benchmark Plaintiff* named him a "Litigation Star" in its national rankings of personal injury attorneys and for Alabama (2013 – present)
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America®* (1989 – present)
- Named "Lawyer of the Year – Bet the Company Litigation" in 2013 and 2018 by *Best Lawyers in America®*
- Listed in *Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top attorneys in Alabama/Mid-South Region (2008 – present)
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ 5.0/5.0 Peer Rating

Steve Nicholas is part of an elite group of Alabama litigators known for their skill in handling Bet-the-Company cases. A big picture thinker, his work revolves around complex litigation claims including class actions and mass torts. Among his many noteworthy cases is representing thousands of business owners who filed lawsuits and claims in connection with the BP oil spill, an event that is deemed to be the worst environmental disaster in the history of the United States.

Steve represented hundreds of employees of a regional hospital who learned their employer cancelled their pension program without making millions of dollars in required contributions. Steve served as co-class counsel in securing a settlement that required the hospital to pay all of the missed contributions to the retirement fund. He has also recovered millions of dollars for consumers in class action