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Georgia Adopts Tort Reform

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To Our Clients and Friends:

On February 16, 2005, Governor Sonny Perdue of Georgia signed into law Senate Bill 3, a civil justice reform package. The sweeping changes to tort law include:

- Elimination of joint and several liability.
- Apportionment of fault to non-parties.
- Adoption of *Daubert* standards to expert testimony.
- Allowing defendants to transfer cases to their resident counties if venue "vanishes."
- Revisions to offers of judgment.

See http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/fulltext/sb3.htm for the complete text of the new laws.

These reforms are effective immediately and should have a significant impact on litigation in Georgia. If you would like to discuss any of these issues further, please contact [Robert Hays](#) at (404) 572-4674 or [Matt Harman](#) at (404) 572-2807.

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