



## Darrick L McDuffie

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### PROFILE

Darrick McDuffie is an associate in King & Spalding's Business Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses primarily on complex commercial litigation, including contract disputes and class action securities litigation and related government investigations.

Mr. McDuffie received his B.S. degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of South Carolina in 1997. He received his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 2003. Mr. McDuffie is admitted to the State Bar of Georgia and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. He is a member of the Business Law and Litigation Sections of the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Atlanta Bar Association, and the Gate City Bar Association.

### MATTERS

Mr. McDuffie's representative matters include the following:

- Representing a technology engineering and manufacturing company against claims of breach of contract and copyright infringement arising from its use of certain software products.
- Defended a lead underwriter of sub-prime assets in a jury trial. The plaintiffs included several large institutional investors alleging securities fraud based on omissions in the underwriter's disclosures concerning the assets.
- Defended a *Fortune*-500 company and certain of its senior officers in SEC proceedings and a related shareholder class action.
- Defended a *Fortune*-500 company in a dispute with its distributors over the method of distribution of products.
- Defended a national client in connection with the plaintiff's appeal of the summary judgment ruling which dismissed all claims against the client. The action included claims of RICO, fraud, conspiracy, and conversion related to complex financial transactions. The client's favorable summary judgment ruling was upheld on appeal.
- Defended a *Fortune*-500 company in one of the first major Sarbanes-Oxley whistleblower actions. Plaintiff brought federal and state claims alleging he was fired after reporting accounting and business improprieties to the company. He claimed damages of more than \$40 million. Plaintiff's state law claims were dismissed and the case was settled on favorable terms for the client.
- Prosecuted a breach of contract claim on behalf of a national medical engineering and manufacturing company in connection with a customer's failure to make full payment for the purchase of medical equipment. The defendant customer brought a counterclaim for breach of contract alleging that the medical equipment failed to perform as required. The matter was settled on favorable terms for the client following the completion of discovery.

### PRACTICES

Commercial Disputes

### MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association  
National Bar Association  
Atlanta Bar Association  
Gate City Bar Association

### EDUCATION

J.D., Harvard University  
B.S., magna cum laude, University of South Carolina

### ADMISSIONS

Georgia  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

### NEWS & INSIGHTS

#### NEWS

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