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Doc Schneider is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers who focuses on the defense of product liability claims and complex commercial disputes. Doc is also an appellate advocate arguing cases in appellate courts across the country on a broad range of subject matters.

With more than 35 years of experience, Doc represents clients in trial courts and appellate courts across the country on matters involving tobacco products, asbestos-containing products and alleged toxic exposures in the workplace and in the environment, as well as commercial disputes.

In addition to being a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Doc is a Trustee of the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society and gives lectures on the history of the Court and its controversial cases. Doc is ranked by *Chambers USA* and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in five practice areas as well as in Georgia *Super Lawyers*.

Doc graduated first in his class from Mercer University School of Law in 1981. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mercer University in 2014 and 2015.

Matters

Lead counsel in a **putative consumer class action** challenging the labeling of e-cigarette products, achieving initial dismissals for failures to comply with California's Proposition 65 pre-suit filing requirement.

Lead trial and appellate counsel for a **product liability defendant** challenging general and specific personal jurisdiction under the rubric of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Daimler* decision in 2014.

Lead counsel in successfully defending a post-class action attorney's fee claim in a **tobacco class action** limiting the fee award to a portion of the fund recovered.

Lead counsel in defending protection for **lawyer and consulting expert communications** relating to scientific research undertaken to address issues arising in the defense of asbestos litigation.

Lead counsel on behalf of **erinMedia** in its antitrust suit challenging the monopolization of the television ratings industry.

Lead counsel for **US Trust Company** defending claims concerning the alleged undervaluation of shares in an ESOP.

Lead trial and appellate counsel in successful defense of **Honeywell International Inc.** in North Carolina chemical plant exposure cases.

Lead appellate counsel successfully arguing that **Georgia's tobacco settlement** bars individual punitive damage claims.

Lead trial lawyer for **Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation** in large tobacco class action trials in Florida and Louisiana that included nearly two years of trial time.

Lead trial and appellate counsel on behalf of **Banca Nazionale del Lavoro** successfully arguing that the Iraqi Sanction Regulations barred payment under a letter of credit.

Defeating **class certification** in various types of cases filed in Georgia, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Washington, D.C., New York and elsewhere.

Counseling **clients** on FDA's regulation of tobacco products.

Played a leading role in the landmark internal corporate investigations involving **EF Hutton's** cash management practices, the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill and the **Dow Corning** breast implant controversy.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., Mercer University, summa cum laude

B.A., Auburn University, high honors

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

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

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

Georgia

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

State Bar of Georgia

Chairman, Childhood Autism Foundation (CADEF), 2000–2006

Chairman, Mercer University Press

Chairman, Mercer University Board of Trustees, 2014–2015

Trustee and Executive Committee, U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society

Recognition

Leading Lawyers for Business

CHAMBERS USA

"One of the foremost lawyers in tobacco and other product liability cases."
CHAMBERS USA, QUOTING A SOURCE

"Enjoys a very good reputation."
CHAMBERS USA, QUOTING A SOURCE

Recognized in five practice areas
BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Georgia Super Lawyer
SUPER LAWYERS

Insights

ARTICLE

October 10, 2016 • Source: Bloomberg BNA
Antibacterial Soaps: When Squeaky Clean Is Not Enough

News

RECOGNITION

October 3, 2019
Latest Benchmark Litigation Guides Recognize King & Spalding as a Leading Litigation Firm

August 16, 2019
The Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 115 King & Spalding Lawyers in its 2020 Guide

October 29, 2018
Benchmark Litigation Again Recognizes King & Spalding as a Leading U.S. Litigation Firm

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