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Bill Durham specializes in complex, high-stakes product litigation. A partner in our Mass Tort and Toxic Tort and Environmental practices, Bill represents product manufacturers in a variety of matters.

Bill defends product manufacturers, often in what are known to be challenging jurisdictions. As an example, he has represented R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in numerous product liability lawsuits filed in Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Missouri. He also has served as lead counsel in numerous appeals in state and federal courts.

In individual cases and class actions, Bill has managed every aspect of complex high-stakes litigation, from strategic planning and preparation through discovery, pretrial motions, trial and appeal. He identifies and works cooperatively with national, regional and local counsel for codefendants.

Bill was recognized in 2013 by *Legal 500* for Litigation — Product Liability and Mass Tort Defense: Consumer Products.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Virginia

B.A., University of North Carolina, with highest honors

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

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

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi

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

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

California

Florida

Georgia

Mississippi
Court of Appeals of Georgia
Supreme Court of Georgia

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association
State Bar of Georgia

News

CASES & DEALS

August 28, 2019

R.J. Reynolds Has \$42 Million Judgment Reversed

December 12, 2018

King & Spalding Client RJ Reynolds Obtains Appellate Victory on Punitive Damages in Florida

IN THE NEWS

July 19, 2019 • Source: Law360

Bill Durham and Scott Edson represent R.J. Reynolds before the Florida Supreme Court, which declined to review a lower court's reversal of a \$46.5M verdict against the company

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