



Chris A. Bottcher

MEMBER

Chris represents financial institutions, health care companies/providers, and other businesses in a wide range of business, corporate, and commercial litigation. His experience includes real estate litigation, defending toxic tort claims, product liability actions, business disputes, fraud claims, and counseling partners and shareholders in litigation and dissolution proceedings. Chris frequently represents clients in matters involving trade secrets, non-competition agreements, and the enforcement of restrictive covenants. He also advises clients in a variety of industries on day-to-day business operations.

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Experience

- Represented an industrial plant in a suit filed by regulatory authorities to enjoin all operations at a multi-million dollar facility. After a week-long trial, the court entered a verdict denying the regulatory authority's request for an injunction and only awarded it \$5,000 in damages.
- Following a four-day trial, received a favorable settlement on behalf of majority shareholders in a case involving claims of shareholder oppression.
- Served as lead counsel representing a lender in a series of toxic tort cases. Achieved a settlement significantly under the client's agreed settlement value.
- Following a three-day hearing on the merits, obtained a TRO and preliminary injunction prohibiting a former employee from taking information and customers from a national health care client to a competitor.
- Represented mortgage servicer in reformation action to correct a legal description so it would include a residence located on a large tract of land.
- Represented numerous mortgage servicers in contested foreclosures challenging standing, failure to offer modifications, and compliance with TILA and RESPA.
- Represented bank in litigation involving allegations of fraud and slander of title arising from the purchase and refinancing of several parcels of land.
- Represented bank interests in litigation between trust beneficiaries seeking a sale for division.
- Represented lender in a lien priority dispute filed by a subordinate mortgagee.

Professional Affiliations

- Birmingham Bar Association
- Alabama State Bar
- American Bar Association
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute (Trial Tactics Committee, Chair, October 2014–October 2016; Trial Tactics Committee, Vice Chair, 2012–2014; Trial Tactics Committee, Damages Seminar, Program Chair, 2009; Trial Tactics Committee, Membership Chair, 2007–2008)

Honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Litigation - Banking and Finance), 2019
- Named to Birmingham Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40 Business Professionals," 2009
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society Tiffany Leadership Award, 2006

Community and Other Activities

- Triumph Services, Inc., Board of Directors
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2006–2010
- Strategic Business Development Committee, Co-Chair, 2004–2009

Service Areas

Asbestos and Toxic Torts
Commercial Litigation
Consumer Financial Services Litigation
Education Law
Products Liability
Real Estate

Education

Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 1996, *magna cum laude*, Curia Honoris, Cordell Hull Teaching Fellow, Phi Delta Phi

University of Alabama, B.S., Commerce and Business Administration, 1991

Admissions

Alabama
U.S. Tax Court

- Historic Five Points South Neighborhood Association, Vice President, 2003–2006
- Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Project Corporate Leadership, 2003

Recent Publications

- 2 September 2015 **Alabama Law Summary**
Author of 120-page legal publication covering a variety of litigation topics faced by Alabama businesses
- September 2015 **Deposition Manual**
- December 14, 2012 **What's Birmingham Reading?**
- July 2006 **Using Statistics To Even The Odds With Experts**
- April 2003 **[The Basics of Applying 'Daubert' and 'Frye' in State Court](#)**

Events

- March 20, 2019 **[Principals of Persuasion](#)**
DRI Trial Skills & Damages Seminar
Las Vegas, NV
- October 12, 2017 **[Mortgage Servicing Update: Practical Issues with Implementing the 2016 Rules, and Recent Guidance, Compliance Tips, and Noteworthy Litigation Issues](#)**
16th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
New Orleans, LA
- September 30, 2016 **[Trends in Consumer Litigation: Business Records Issues & Statute of Limitations Defenses](#)**
15th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
New Orleans, LA
- January 14–15, 2016 **Reverse Mortgage (HECM) Update: Issues Facing Mortgagees and Servicers**
ACI's 19th Residential Mortgage and Regulatory Enforcement Conference
San Francisco, CA
- 2014 **Strengthening Your Trial Skills**
DRI Trial Tactics Seminar Miami, FL
- 2012–2013 **Today's Jurors**
Alabama Association of Paralegals, July 2013; Alabama Defense Lawyer's Association, July 2013; South University, December 2012; DRI Trial Tactics Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2012
- February 2011 **Keeping Your Expert in the Case: Avoiding the Landmines of Expert Exclusion**
Defense Research Institute Webcast
- 2008 **Collusion Between The Plaintiff and Co-Defendants – The Turncoat Witness**
DRI Damages Seminar

News Results

- August 15, 2019 [Forty-two McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2020; Six Named "Lawyer of the Year"](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- October 23, 2018 [McGlinchey Stafford Continues Growth in Birmingham with Addition of Michael Odom](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- August 15, 2018 [Thirty-nine McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2019; Four Receive "Lawyer of the Year" Honors](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- February 27, 2017 [McGlinchey Stafford's Birmingham Office Moves to New Downtown Location](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- January 5, 2017 [McGlinchey Stafford Names Seven New Members in 2017](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- January 5, 2017 [McGlinchey Stafford Names Christopher A. Bottcher as a Member of the Firm](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- October 6, 2016 [McGlinchey Stafford Commemorates One-Year Anniversary of Birmingham, Alabama Office](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- August 23, 2016 [McGlinchey Stafford's Corporate & Financial Services Teams Add Accomplished Attorney Chris Couch in Birmingham](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- February 2, 2016 [McGlinchey Stafford Commercial Litigator Chris Bottcher Co-Authors DRI Deposition Manual](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- January 8, 2016 [Bottcher to Speak on Reverse Mortgage Litigation at ACI Residential Mortgage Conference](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- November 17, 2015 [McGlinchey Stafford Expands to Alabama, Opens New Birmingham Office](#)
McGlinchey News Release