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Biographical Information

Denny Hughes concentrates on the defense of bad faith, fraud and punitive damage actions and other insurance defense matters at the trial and appellate levels, as well as the defense of class actions and complex litigation. He also assists insurers in coverage evaluations and the litigation of coverage issues. In addition, he represents employers in the defense of employment discrimination claims and advises employers on preventive employment law.

Mr. Hughes was appointed to the Board of the Alabama Insurance Planning Commission at the University of Alabama in 2012, for which he has been elected to serve as Chairman for 2021–2022. He is an Associate Member of the Board of the Association of Alabama Life Insurance Companies and a member of the Alabama Association of Arson Investigators. In 2001 Mr. Hughes was appointed as a Deputy Attorney General to represent the State of Alabama in the defense of civil actions against state agencies. He is a past member of the Board of Directors (President 2011–2012) of Camp Smile-a-Mile, which provides year-round programs for children with cancer and their families.

Admissions

- Alabama State Bar
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama
- Eleventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

Education

- J.D., University of Alabama School of Law, 1992
- B.A., University of Alabama, 1989

Additional Information

Civic and Professional Affiliations

- Alabama State Bar
- Birmingham Bar Association
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Association of Alabama Life Insurance Companies
- Alabama Association of Arson Investigators
- American Bar Association
- Alabama Insurance Planning Commission

Publications and Presentations

- Amber S. Finch and C. Dennis Hughes, *Exclusions from Coverage for Wear and Tear, Deterioration, Inherent Vice, Latent Defect, and Mechanical Breakdown*, 50 TORT TRIAL & INS. PRAC. L.J. 49 (2014).
- American Bar Association Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Section: Property Insurance Law Committee 2013 Annual Meeting
Wear and Tear Exclusions from Coverage Under the All-Risk Property Insurance Policy
May 16–18, 2013
PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
- University Of Alabama, 2014 Insurance Day
Tools for Detecting and Preventing Insurance Fraud
October 8, 2014
Bryant Conference Center, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Birmingham Bar Association: 2014 Insurance Update Seminar
Insurance Fraud
November 7, 2014
Birmingham Bar Center, Birmingham, Alabama

Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent
- *Best Lawyers In America*®, Insurance Law, 2015–2022



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