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Biographical Information

Shane Black practices in the field of general civil litigation. His litigation practice encompasses a variety of areas, including commercial litigation, property law, municipal law, education law, and complex litigation. The following list of Representative and Reported Cases reflects the variety of his practice.

Mr. Black was born in Ripley, Alabama and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1997. He received a Bachelor's Degree in 1994 from Birmingham-Southern College, *cum laude*. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, *summa cum laude*. Mr. Black is a member of the Order of the Coif, and served as the Editor in Chief of the Alabama Law Review.

Outside of his law practice, Mr. Black serves as the President of the Board of Directors for Athens Main Street.

Admissions

- Alabama State Bar, 1997

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- J.D., University of Alabama School of Law, *summa cum laude*, 1997
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Additional Information

Representative Cases

- *Lambert v. McPherson*, 98 So. 3d 30 (Ala. Civ. App. 2012) (affirming judgment in favor of school board in Alabama Open Meetings Act case that involved the application of that act to e-mail communications)
- *Long v. City of Athens*, 24 So. 3d 1110 (Ala. Civ. App. 2009) (affirming summary judgment for municipal defendant in city drainage case)
- *City of Pinson v. Utilities Board of the City of Oneonta*, 986 So. 2d 367 (Ala. 2007) (reversing trial court and finding municipal gas board responsible for payment of city's license tax)
- *Lifestar Response of Alabama, Inc. v. Lemuel*, 908 So. 2d 207 (Ala. 2004) (upholding default judgment in case dealing with identity and tradename of defaulting corporation)
- *Ex parte Leasecomm Corporation*, 886 So. 2d 58 (Ala. 2003) (reversing trial court's denial of enforcement of an outbound forum-selection clause and establishing Alabama law regarding application of the fraud exception to the enforcement of forum-selection clauses)
- *State Board of Education v. Ronald Waldrop*, 840 So. 2d 893 (Ala. 2002) (reversing and eliminating trial court's entry of significant attorney's fee award pursuant to common benefit theory)
- *Ex parte City of Tarrant*, 850 So. 2d 366 (Ala. Crim. App. 2002) (reversing trial court's dismissal of criminal case, and establishing new precedent regarding the appeal of a case from municipal court)
- *Chatham v. Blount County*, 789 So. 2d 235 (Ala. 2001) (reversing trial court, and extinguishing multiple railroad easements in favor of landowners)
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