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Lorrie Hargrove is a principal in the Labor & Employment Law Group. Having practiced law for over twenty-five years, Lorrie has built a national litigation practice. She has successfully defended class action lawsuits in federal courts in the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits. She has also won numerous appeals in the Alabama Supreme Court, as well as the Seventh, Eighth, and Eleventh Circuits. Lorrie is also an experienced trial attorney, and her successes include obtaining a defense verdict in a two-week antitrust trial in the Northern District of Alabama representing a high-end exercise equipment manufacturer

Upon graduating from law school, Lorrie clerked for the Honorable William M. Acker in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. She received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, and her B.A. from the University of Maryland.

Awards & Accolades

- *Included in list of the Best Lawyers in America*[®], 2024

Experience

Lorrie's extensive experience includes the following:

- Represented clients in class action litigation, labor & employment law and litigation, civil RICO litigation, appellate litigation, insurance and financial services litigation, and product liability
- Defended hundreds of class action opt-out cases for Fortune 500 companies in nearly every county in Alabama
- Successfully defeated plaintiff's motion to remand a nationwide class action in *Racca v. Efg. Gen. Partner Corp. Educ. Futures Mgmt., Co.*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 127738 (E.D. Tex. July 7, 2022)

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Class Action and Multi-District Litigation

Labor & Employment Law

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EDUCATION

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1993
- University of Maryland, B.A., 1990 *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Alabama

CLERKSHIPS

Honorable William M. Acker in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

- Successfully defeated a nationwide class certification motion in *Roberts v. Garrison Property and Casualty Ins. Co.*, No. 2:19cv1232 (D. Ariz.) April 7, 2021
- Successfully obtained an order denying class certification in a case making ERISA claims in *Crosby v. California Physicians' Service, et al.*, 498 F. Supp. 3d 1218, 2020 WL 6535790 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 2, 2020)
- Successfully obtained order dismissing purported nationwide class action claims in *Miller v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.*, 2019 WL 4450637 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 17, 2019)
- Successfully obtained order granting renewed motion to compel arbitration and to strike plaintiff's class action claims in *Garcia v. Willis Stein & Partners, L.L.C.*, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 241749 (E.D. Tex. Aug. 5, 2019)
- Successful petition for writ of mandamus as to denied summary judgment order in wrongful death action in *Ex parte Continental Motors, Inc.*, 270 So. 3d 1148 (Ala. 2018)
- Successfully obtained order staying discovery pending the court's ruling on a motion to dismiss a purported nationwide class action in *Weaver v. National Better Living Association*, 2014 WL 1621951 (N.D. Ala. April 22, 2014)
- Successfully obtained reversal of trial court's order certifying a nationwide class action in data breach case in *Bliss & Glennon, Inc. v. Ashley*, 420 S.W. 3d 379 (Tex. App. – Hous. (1 Dist.), Jan. 7, 2014)
- Successfully obtained vacatur of district court's order dismissing the motion to compel arbitration in *CMH Homes, Inc. v. Goodner*, 729 F. 3d 832, 2013 WL 4749906 (8th Cir. Sept. 5, 2013)
- Successfully obtained approval of nationwide class action settlement and defeated objector in *In re Southwest Airlines Voucher Litig.*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 120735 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 26, 2013)
- Successfully obtained district court's order granting client's motion to strike plaintiff's nationwide class action in *Lawson v. Life of the South Insurance Company*, 286 F.R.D. 689 (M.D. Ga. Sept. 28, 2012), and successfully defeated appeal of that order in *Lawson v. Life of the South Insurance Company*, No. 12-90036-A (11th Cir. Dec. 7, 2012) (denying plaintiff's Rule 23(f) petition for permission to appeal)
- Successfully obtained reversal of jury verdict for borrowers on RICO/fraud/statutory claims and judgment for lender in *Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. v. Flores*, 692 F. 3d 358 (5th Cir. Aug. 23, 2012)
- Successfully defeated nationwide class action claims in *Bishop's Prop. & Investments v. Protective Life Insurance Co.*, 255 F.R.D. 619 (M.D. Ga. 2009)

News & Alerts

52 Bressler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2024, Including 2 "Lawyer of the Year" and 16 "Ones to Watch"

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