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Donnie Winningham is a litigator with Bressler's financial institutions and insurance practice groups, dedicating himself primarily to assisting clients in defense of claims brought by plaintiffs in civil litigation. His experience is wide-ranging, though some examples are contractual disputes, products liability and mass torts, toxic torts, business torts, and life insurance litigation. Donnie also concentrates on the defense of brokerage firms and other financial institutions against claims asserted by customers. Donnie represents clients in all manner of forums, including the state and federal courts of a number of states as well as in FINRA and AAA arbitration.

Once engaged in a matter, Donnie seeks to understand the client's primary goals concerning the litigation. Armed with this information, Donnie is better able to advise the client about strategies and processes to employ to achieve those goals in a timely and efficient manner.

Donnie earned his J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 2006, where he was a staff writer for Washington and Lee Law Review. He received his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2003.

Awards & Accolades

- Recognized in the list of the *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Rising Star Lawyers," 2016
- Recognized by the Alabama Supreme Court for Pro Bono Service, 2015
- Selected to the list of the *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" List, 2012-2021
- Accepted to attend the Birmingham Bar Association Future Leaders Forum, 2012

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Financial Institutions
First Party Property Insurance
Defense
General Litigation
Insurance Litigation
Investment Advisers
Public Funds Advisory

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., 2006
- University of Tennessee at Martin, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2003

ADMISSIONS

Alabama
Mississippi
Florida
U.S. District Courts, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Mississippi

No aspect of this or any advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. A description of the award methodologies can be found [here](#).

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

Civic Involvement

- Former Member, Children's Village Junior Board
- Former Member, Board for Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program ("BBVLP")
 - Serve on Committee for Programs Primary Fundraiser (Pro Hops Vino! that has raised roughly \$75,000
 - Monthly contributor (volunteer) at the BBVLP District Court Helpdesk
 - Closed 2 pro bono cases over the last year
- Board of Leadership Vestavia Hills, Leadership Organization focused on developing leaders in the local community
 - Past President (2018-2019)
 - Chair of Wing Ding Committee

Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Alabama Bar Association
- Member, Mississippi Bar Association
- Member, Birmingham Bar Association
- Member, Florida Bar Association
- Former Co-Chair, Discovery Strategies Subcommittee of ABA Section of Litigation Mass Torts Committee