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Josh Jones' priority is making his clients' work lives easier. His main goal is to provide effective, efficient, and quality legal work with no surprises, prompt responses, regular updates, accurate budgeting, and sound strategy to help each client meet their internal obligations. Brokerage firms, investment advisers, and other financial institutions across the country trust him to defend them against claims asserted by their customers and employees. With a focus on maintaining solid and favorable working relationships with a number of financial services regulators, Josh is able to regularly and successfully represent his clients' interests in investigations and enforcement actions. He also has substantial experience litigating and negotiating on behalf of lenders in a broad variety of matters, in general litigation before the state and federal courts of Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, and in class action defense.

Josh is a Management Committee Member a leader within the greater firm platform. He is a co-manager of Bressler's Senior and Vulnerable Investor Group, whose lawyers provide end-to-end advisory solutions and litigation support for investment advisers, broker-dealers and other financial institutions confronting senior/vulnerable investor issues. He also serves as co-chair of, and helps to oversee, Bressler's partnership nominating process designed to identify and assess candidates whose track record, legal skills, practice development, firm cultural integration, client service, and leadership skills are indicative of continued success at Bressler.

Growing up in a blue-collar family in the sticks of west Alabama provided Josh with a firsthand understanding of the value of hard work. It also taught him the importance of knowing from where you came and giving back to those who need help. Along those lines and with his dad's military service in mind, Josh has an active pro bono practice that currently focuses on veterans' issues, including volunteering with the ABA Military Pro Bono Project, Operation Stand-By, and the Veterans' Claims Assistance Network. He has been active in leadership of the American Bar Association's

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights &
Business Reorganizations

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions Internal
Investigations

Financial Institutions Litigation
and Arbitration

Senior & Vulnerable Investor
Group

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee
University School of Law,
J.D., *cum laude*, 2004
- University of Alabama, B.A.,
1996

ADMISSIONS

Alabama

Mississippi

Tennessee

Litigation Section for a number of years, including his current service as Co-Chair for the Young Lawyer Leadership Program.

Awards & Accolades

- Included on the list of the *Best Lawyers in America*[®], 2020-2024
- Selected to the list of the *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Securities Litigation, 2015-2021
- Recognized on the *Alabama Super Lawyers*, "Rising Stars" List, Securities Litigation, 2011-2014
- Recognized on the *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Who's Who in Law" List, 2020, 2023

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](#).

Experience

- Successfully defended brokerage firm in Louisiana arbitration against \$200,000 customer claim relating to alleged trading platform malfunction.
- Successfully defended brokerage firm and registered representative in Massachusetts arbitration against \$478,000 customer claim relating to beneficiary dispute.
- Successfully defended registered representative in North Carolina arbitration against customer claim in excess of \$840,000 relating to alleged diminished capacity in connection with beneficiary designation
- Successfully defended brokerage firm in North Carolina arbitration against claim in excess of \$1.1 million relating to alleged failure to disclose fees
- Successfully defended brokerage firm in North Carolina arbitration against \$700,000 claim relating to alleged failure to execute
- Successfully defended brokerage firm and registered representatives in Florida arbitration against \$330,000 claim relating to investments in municipal bond funds
- Successfully defended brokerage firm and registered representatives in Florida arbitration against \$1,000,000 claim relating to investments in preferred stock
- Successfully defended brokerage firm and registered representatives in series of cases pending in multiple jurisdictions, including Illinois and Massachusetts, against claims relating to a managed product
- Represented local business before U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama and on appeal to the Eleventh Circuit in purported class action relating to alleged violation of federal consumer protection laws, 564 F.3d 1301 (11th Circuit 2009)
- Represented publicly traded REIT in multiple federal and state court matters, including cases in which the courts enforced both the company's contractual lien in its customer agreement and its limitation of liability provision, see, e.g., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 136056 (N.D. Ala. 2012)
- Represented brokerage firm in federal court in successful attempt to secure injunctive relief preventing the arbitration of a non-customer claim, 829 F. Supp. 2d 1141(N.D. Ala. 2011)

- Represented world's largest retailer in successfully compelling arbitration of a customer claim and defense of same at arbitration, 963 So. 2d 76 (Ala. 2007)

News & Alerts

Bressler, Amery & Ross Announces 2024 Leadership Changes and New Management Committee Structure
Firm News, 04.24.2024

Laura Pizzitola Selected by Birmingham Business Journal as a 2024 NextGen Birmingham: Law Honoree
Firm News, 04.23.2024

52 Bressler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2024, Including 2 "Lawyer of the Year" and 16 "Ones to Watch"
Firm News, 08.17.2023

Alabama Office Managing Principal Josh Jones Appointed to Leadership Role in ABA's Litigation Section
Firm News, 08.01.2023

Speaking Engagements & Events

Estate Planning Issues Faced by Financial Services Professionals and Their Clients
Webinar, 06.11.2024

Josh Jones and Donald Littlefield to speak at FMA 33rd Annual Securities Compliance Seminar
Seminar, InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile, April 17 - 19, 2024

Josh Jones to Speak at BISA 2024 Annual Convention
Speaking Engagement, The Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood, Florida, 03.07.2024

Josh Jones to Speak at Training Conference Hosted by Alabama Securities Commission
Event, 11.14.2023 - 11.15.2023

Seniors 201 - Developments in Efforts to Protect Clients and Prevent Exploitation Webinar
Webinar, 07.12.2023

Articles & Publications

SEC Issues Report on Investment Advisor Arbitration: Is a Change Coming?
Publication, *American Bar Association*, 08.10.2023

FINRA Dispute Resolution Update: Five Takeaways from a Busy Year
Publication, *American Bar Association*, 08.01.2023

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Alabama State Bar Association

- Member, Birmingham Bar Association
- Member, The Mississippi Bar
- Member, American Bar Association

Get to know Josh

Josh prefers to talk, does not mind writing, and is excited to otherwise contribute to the legal profession more generally. His favorite activities as Alabama Managing Principal include the big picture efforts to lead a great group of people in their individual and collective attempts to create satisfying legal practices, and the small, but important activities like occasionally getting to select the cake flavor for the monthly office-wide birthday celebration.

On a personal note, he is a big fan of hawks, Billy Joe Shaver, the constellation Orion, hushpuppies, pedal assist bikes, Archibald's, children with a sense of humor, rivers, WWII carrier pigeon message capsules (despite his family's steadfast refusal to buy him one for Christmas), and The Great Courses.