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## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Business Litigation Construction Fiduciary Litigation Health Care Insurance Coverage & Defense Litigation Logistics Medical Malpractice OSHA Product Liability Professional Malpractice Real Estate Litigation Transportation & Logistics

#### INDUSTRIES

Energy & Renewables Logistics & Supply Chain Professional Services Real Estate

#### LICENSED IN

Georgia Tennessee

# EXPERIENCE \_

# Brad Harmon has served as managing partner of HunterMaclean since 2016.

At age thirty-eight, he was one of the youngest managing partners elected in the Firm's history. In this position, Brad leads the HunterMaclean management committee, which guides Firm strategy, sets long-term vision, and directs Firm operations. He continues to maintain a robust business litigation practice in addition to his Firm leadership duties.

Brad has proven expertise in solving complex problems for the Firm's business clients. He has successfully represented hospitals, financial institutions, biofuel manufacturers, and industrial materials manufacturers in commercial disputes; medical care providers and trucking companies in personal injury lawsuits; and manufacturers of numerous types of products in products liability claims. He has served as outside general counsel to a regional healthcare system as well as a biofuel manufacturer. Brad assists logistics, 3PL, and warehousing clients with their logistics transactional needs. He has represented builders, subcontractors, and owners in both commercial and residential construction projects. He provides counsel to the Firm's clients on OSHA matters, including contesting OSHA citations/violations. Brad also represents clients in bankruptcy and creditors' rights matters.

Brad has received a number of honors and awards in connection with his law practice. He was named an "On the Rise" attorney by the *Fulton County Daily Report* in 2013, one of "40 Under 40" by *Georgia Trend* in 2015, and a Legal Elite by *Georgia Trend* in 2016, 2020, and 2021. He has repeatedly been honored as a Georgia Super Lawyer, a Rising Star, and one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Brad is admitted to practice in Georgia and Tennessee and has argued cases in the Georgia Supreme Court, Georgia Court of Appeals, and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia. Originally from Sevierville, Tennessee, Brad earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and his J.D. from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, where he was a member of the *Mercer Law Review*. Brad and his wife, Heather, have one son, named Will. In his spare time, Brad enjoys running, reading nonfiction, and supporting Will in his swimming competitions.

# PUBLISHED OPINIONS \_

Ruth, et al. v. Cherokee Funding, LLC, et al., 304 Ga. 574 (2018) (Ga. Oct. 22, 2018, No. S17G2021)



#### **EDUCATION**

Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law: J.D., 2002

University of Tennessee: B.A., 1999

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

State Bar of Georgia

Tennessee Bar Association

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association

Savannah Bar Association

SBA Young Lawyer's Division: Executive Committee, 2004-2005

Transportation Lawyers Association: Past Member

American Bar Association: Past Member

#### **COMMUNITY WORK**

Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce: Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Current Vice-Chair; CEO Council

Savannah Country Day School: Board of Trustees

Union Mission: Board of Directors, Past Member

Savannah Technical College Foundation: Board of Trustees, Past Member

Leadership Savannah: Class of 2010-2011

Savannah Quarterback Club

United Way of the Coastal Empire: Attorneys Division, Co-Chairman, 2010-2011

Live Oak Public Libraries Foundation: Past President

- Cherokee Funding v. Ruth, 342 Ga. App. 404 (2017)
- *Douglas Asphalt Company v. Martin Marietta Aggregates et al.*, 339 Ga. App. 435 (2016)
- Circle K Stores, Inc. v. T.O.H. Associates, Ltd., 318 Ga. App. 753 (2012)

# **REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS**

- Currently serving as outside general counsel for the wind-down of the largest healthcare system in the area with \$600 million in annual revenue, after the sale of the system's assets to a publicly-traded company.
- Lead counsel in bet-the-company litigation related to the design and construction of a biofuel manufacturing plant.
- Lead trial counsel and co-appellate counsel in successful defense of a class action challenging the legality of Georgia's litigation funding industry under the Georgia Industrial Loan Act and the Georgia Payday Lending Act.
- Lead trial and appellate counsel in the successful defense of a large publicly traded supplier of aggregate and heavy building materials against a \$32 million claim arising out of supply of materials for multiple large road construction projects (summary judgment obtained and upheld on appeal).
- Representation of manufacturers and logistics companies in negotiation of 3PL and warehousing contracts.
- Defense counsel in a large number of toxic tort/environmental lawsuits arising from the largest fish kill in Georgia history.
- Representation of creditor in adversary action. *In Re Douglas Asphalt Co., et al.*, Chapter 7, S.D. Ga. Bankr. (2009).
- Successful representation and resolution of shareholder suit against an international third party logistics provider.
- Defense verdict at trial in a personal injury premises liability claim. *Kea v. Memorial Health Univ. Medical Center*.
- Won summary judgment on causation issue in a personal injury case involving substantial and permanent injuries on behalf of EMC Engineering, and then prevailed at the Georgia Court of Appeals and Georgia Supreme Court.



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#### RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers in America: Construction Litigation, 2018-2023

Georgia Super Lawyers: Business Litigation, 2018-2023

Georgia Trend Magazine Legal Elite: 2016 & 2020-2021

Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star: 2007, 2009-2011 & 2013-2017

Georgia Trend Magazine's 40 Under 40: 2015

Fulton County Daily Report's On the Rise Attorney: 2013

GenerationNEXT: Savannah's Rising Stars of Business, 2013

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rated

- Successful representation of a large manufacturer of industrial goods against alleged OSHA repeat violations claim by procuring a positive resolution on the eve of trial.
- Responsible for HIPAA/mental health/medical records privacy issues for a regional health care provider.

# ARTICLES \_

*Savannah Logistics Lunch Focuses on Industry Disruptors* Published on June 22, 2017, in *Business in Savannah*.

*Savannah Logistics Lunch Focuses on Technology and Transportation* Published on June 15, 2016, in *Business in Savannah*.

*Growth in Perishables Sector Creates Opportunity for Logistics Providers* Published on September 24, 2015, in *Savannah Morning News*.

*Logistics Lunch brings Georgia Logistics Summit to Savannah* Published on July 15, 2015, in *Business in Savannah*.

*Trux: Keeping up with everything that moves Trux* interviewed Brad Harmon for an article in its Spring 2015 issue.

*Ship-to-Shore: Logistics and Liability* Published on February 5, 2015, in *Elegant Island Living*.

*The Effect of Recent Global Affairs on Local Logistics* Published on September 26, 2014, in *Savannah Morning News*.

*Takeaways from the 2014 Georgia Logistics Summit* Published on April 16, 2014, in *Business in Savannah*.

*Will the Proposed Online Sales Tax Bill Hurt the Logistics Industry?* Published on August 7, 2013, in *Business in Savannah*.

*Liability Laws Affecting Inland Logistics* Published on June 17, 2013, in *Savannah Morning News*.

*Multi-Channel Commerce Provides Growth Opportunities* Published on February 20, 2013, in *Business in Savannah*.

*OSHA Hazard Communication Standard Changes Set for 2013* Published on January 2, 2013, in *Business in Savannah*.



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# PRESENTATIONS

### Products Liability

Presented by John Hewson and Brad Harmon to a HunterMaclean client in Savannah, Georgia, on April 27, 2016.

## **Products Liability**

Presented by John Hewson and Brad Harmon to a HunterMaclean client in Savannah, Georgia, on July 24, 2014.

## Changes to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 45 and 37

Presented to the Commercial & Business Litigation Committee at the Transportation Lawyers Association Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida, from April 29 to May 3, 2014. Click here for PDF.

## Legal Update: Issues Our Clients Are Asking Us About

Presented by Colin McRae and Brad Harmon at the Southeastern Warehouse Association Annual Convention in Destin, Florida, on September 14, 2013.

# The Trial of the Slave Ship WANDERER

Presented at the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Conference in Savannah, Georgia, on May 2, 2013, by Colin McRae, Brad Harmon, and Adam Kirk.

## Seminar on Mental Health and Involuntary Commitment

Presented for a health care client in 2010 and 2012.

## Seminar on Medical Record Documentation

Presented for a health care client in 2009.