

Al Teel

Partner

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“My practice is built on a belief that there’s no such thing as being over prepared for my clients.”

Al Teel litigates a variety of disputes including those involving catastrophic injury, wrongful death, commercial motor vehicle accidents, products liability, premises liability, Carmack Amendment claims, property damage, insurance coverage, and employment-related claims. He represents Class I and short-line railroads in suits brought under the Federal Employers’ Liability Act, FRSA whistleblower claims, trespasser injuries, property damage claims, and other third-party injuries. He is also experienced in regulatory compliance for trucking companies under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and for issues affecting the rapidly evolving logistics industry.

A perfectionist day in and day out, Al makes a living pursuing what will place his clients in the most favorable position possible. With a passion for defending others’ interests, Al leaves no doubt to the effort being made on behalf of his clients who deal with a broad range of legal issues within the transportation, maritime, logistics, and manufacturing industries. Al enjoys being out in the field and getting to know the people that make up the companies he has the privilege to represent in court. Al’s friendliness and naturally collaborative approach allow him to successfully serve his clients on a basis of mutual respect.

When away from work, Al and his wife Elizabeth are passionate college football fans and love to spend time exploring Birmingham with their two young sons, James and George. Al is also extremely active in the Birmingham Bar Association, where his peers voted and elected him as President of the Young Lawyers Section in 2021.

PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Legal Practice Assistant

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CAPABILITIES

Commercial Litigation
Personal Injury
Transportation & Logistics
Railroads

EDUCATION

J.D., Samford University Cumberland
School of Law
B.A., University of Alabama
cum laude

LICENSED IN

Alabama
Georgia

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Al earned his J.D. from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and his B.A. from the University of Alabama.

Experience

- Obtained defense verdict for Class I railroad in jury trial in Colbert County, Alabama on FELA hearing loss claim
- Obtained major victory in winning summary judgment in favor of transportation client and driver on claims for wantonness (dismissing punitive damages), negligent hiring and training, and negligent entrustment
- Drafted appellate and amicus briefs for the Supreme Court of Alabama and Alabama Court of Civil Appeals on FELA claims
- Obtained defense verdict in bench trial in favor of premises owner on negligence, wantonness, and AEMLD claims
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of premises owner on sealed package doctrine
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of premises owner in slip and fall case
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of Class I railroad on borrowed servant doctrine
- Obtained dismissal for parent company of major short-line railroad company
- Litigated numerous cases on behalf of employers and co-employees facing negligence, wantonness, AEMLD, anti-retaliation whistleblower, and workers' compensation claims

Honors & Recognition

- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Transportation/Maritime since 2019

News

- 58 Burr Attorneys Named to 2023 Mid-South Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, 11.28.2023
- Al Teel Quoted in Law360 Article on Supreme Court's Missed Opportunity to Clarify Enforcement of Federal Rail Worker Safety Regulation
Firm News, 05.10.2022
- Burr & Forman Names 9 New Partners Across Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Florida
Firm News, 01.07.2021
- Burr's Al Teel and Denzel Okinedo Elected as Executive Board Members for the Birmingham Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section
Firm News, 12.14.2020
- Burr's Al Teel and Anna Akers Elected to Leadership for Birmingham Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section
Firm News, 12.17.2019

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Speaking Engagements

- Transportation Lawyers Association's 2022 Chicago Regional Conference
Speaking Engagement, 01.21.2022
- Al Teel and Madeline Hughes speak to the University of Alabama's SafeState Program
Speaking Engagement, 12.09.2021

Articles

- LeDure v. Union Pacific: Locomotive Inspection Act Case Law Stays Intact and "In Use" for Now
Articles / Publications, 07.27.2022
- LeDure v. Union Pacific: Locomotive Inspection Act Case Law Stays Intact and "In Use" For Now
Articles / Publications, 04.29.2022
- Summary Judgment Obtained on Common Carrier Issue
Articles / Publications, 11.17.2020
- U.S. DOT to Release Important Potential Changes to Hours of Service Regulations, Including Hitting the
Pause Button
Articles / Publications, 08.15.2019
- SCOTUS Denial of Petition in Railroad Fuel Tax Lawsuit Could Have Major Impact
Articles / Publications, 06.26.2019

Civic Activities

- Birmingham Rotaract Club
- Parishioner, St. Francis Xavier
- Birmingham Business Alliance's "On Board Birmingham," Inaugural Member

Professional Activities

- Birmingham Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Executive Committee Member (2017-2018); Vice
President, Social (2019); President-Elect (2020); President (2021)
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- Transportation Lawyers Association