

Ryli Wallace Leader

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“I enjoy each opportunity to help clients navigate the complexity of legal litigation. Crafting arguments, digging into the nuance of matters, and extensive preparation allow me to achieve favorable outcomes for our clients.”

Collaborative, analytical, and thorough are the qualities that define Ryli’s legal approach. She is skilled in crafting arguments and embracing challenges while working with other attorneys in financial litigation matters. As an Associate in the firm’s Financial Services Litigation Practice Group, Ryli’s opportunistic and enthusiastic mentality in a collaborative environment helps her practice group in litigation cases concerning banks, financial institutions, and mortgage companies.

An avid reader and writer, Ryli incorporates these traits into her legal practice by focusing on detailed research and understanding the intricacies of each case. She has worked on numerous matters with a wide variety of clients. No matter the client, Ryli puts in the work and does not stop until the best possible outcome is achieved. Her writing acumen has seen her featured as an author in The Conference on Consumer Finance Law and as a standout for the firm’s blog articles detailing inaccurate reporting under FCRA and COVID-19 impacts on collection practices. Additionally, she participates in webinars on timely topics such as identity theft claims under FCRA.

Ryli is a member of the American and Alabama State Bar Associations. When Ryli is not in the office, she enjoys spending time with her daughter and husband.

Ryli earned her J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law, where she served as the managing editor for the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and on the Managing Council for the Moot Court Board, where her

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CAPABILITIES

Consumer Finance Litigation & Compliance

EDUCATION

J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School
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B.A., University of Alabama at Birmingham
summa cum laude

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team received the Best Brief Award at the 2019 Regionals Competition. She earned her B.A. in History from the University of Alabama Birmingham, where she served as a UAB Ambassador and captain of the UAB Mock Trial Team.

Honors & Recognition

- 70th Annual National Moot Court Competition, Region VII Best Brief Award (2019)
- Lightfoot, Franklin & White Best Brief Award (2018)

News

- Burr & Forman Welcomes Five Associates Across Alabama
Firm News, 10.26.2020

Speaking Engagements

- Webinar: FCRA - How to Defend Identity Theft Claims Under the FCRA
Speaking Engagement, Webinar, 08.04.2021

Articles

- Investigating and Defending Identity Theft Claims Against Furnishers Under The Fair Credit Reporting Act
Articles / Publications, 06.27.2022
- District Courts Consider Allegations of Inaccurate Reporting under FCRA for Past Due Payment Ratings in Metro 2
Articles / Publications, 01.29.2021
- COVID-19 Collections Impact Bulletin: State Responses (December 2020 Update)
COVID-19, 12.04.2020

Blog Posts

- Evasive Deposition Tactics by the CFPB Supported Dismissal as a Sanction, Affirmed by Eleventh Circuit
Consumer Finance Litigation, 06.15.2023
- The Second Circuit Weighs in on the Constitutionality of the CFPB's Funding Structure, Disagreeing with the Fifth Circuit
Consumer Finance Litigation, 03.24.2023
- The U.S. Supreme Court Granted Certiorari to Determine Whether the CFPB's Funding Structure Violates the Appropriations Clause of the United States Constitution
Consumer Finance Litigation, 02.27.2023
- Second Circuit Affirms Dismissal of FDCPA and FCRA Claims Finding Collection Efforts Proper Despite Plaintiff's Dismissal from Foreclosure Action; No Obligation to Report Frivolous Dispute
Consumer Finance Litigation, 11.09.2022

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- Seventh Circuit Dismisses FDCPA Claim for Lack of Standing
Consumer Finance Litigation, 04.11.2022