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Bridget lives by the mantra, “everything in life is negotiable.” She uses this strategy and a solution-oriented perspective to provide her products liability, commercial litigation and business torts, and eminent domain and condemnation clients the best representation.

With over a decade of litigation experience, Bridget is not afraid to step in a courtroom—her adult playground as she likes to call it—and argue a case. She has spent 24 days in trial, most recently defending a city in a two-day bench trial where the plaintiff sued the city claiming breach of contract and retaliation. Plaintiff sought \$1.4 million in damages. The court decided in favor of the city on all claims with no damages awarded to plaintiff.

Away from the office, Bridget has a passion for seeing the world and has set a goal of traveling to a new country each year.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Representative Matters

- Co-lead counsel in bench trial defending a city, where plaintiff sued the city claiming breach of contract and retaliation. Plaintiff sought \$1.4 million in damages. The court decided in favor of the city on all claims with no damages awarded to plaintiff.

Previous Professional Experience

- Adjunct Professor of Law, The University of Alabama School of Law (2021–2023)
- Associate, multi-faceted nationwide litigation boutique (2017–

Education

The University of Alabama School of Law, JD (2017)

- Semi-Finalist, National Trial Competition (2017)
- Dean's Community Service Award, Student Pro Bono Award, Order of the Samaritan (2017)
- Senior Editor Vol. 8, Alabama Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review (2016-2017)

Georgia State University, BA, cum laude (2012)

Admissions

Texas, 2022

Alabama, 2017

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama

Alabama Supreme Court

Texas Supreme Court

2023)

- Corps Member, Teach for America (2012–2014)

Internships

- Summer Legal Intern, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (2015)

Educational Activities

- The University of Alabama School of Law
 - Captain, Trial Advocacy Competition Team (2015–2017)
 - Law School Ambassador (2015–2017)
 - 1st Vice President and Diversity Chair, Black Law Students Association (BLSA) (2016–2017)
 - Honor Council (2016–2017)

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- The National Black Lawyers, "Alabama's Top 40 under 40 Lawyers," (2019–2022)
- Finest Law Firm Writers, Burton Awards (2020)
- The Order of Barristers (2017)
- Semi-finalist, National Trial Competition (2017)
- Champion, Regional Trial Advocacy Competition (2017)
- "Best Cross Examination Attorney Award," Michigan Trial Tournament (2015)

Professional Activities

- Toyota Counsel in Motion Program (2024)
- J.L. Turner Legal Association (2023–present)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (2023–present)
- Adjunct Professor, The University of Alabama School of Law, Civil Pre-Trial Advocacy (2021–2023)
- Member, Defense Research Institute (DRI), (2018–present)
- Member, BBA Birmingham Regional Economic Council (2018–2021)
- Member, Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (2017–2022)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Practice Areas

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

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[Class Action & Multi-Claim Litigation](#)

[Products Liability - Automotive](#)

[Products Liability - Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices](#)

Industries

[Automobiles & Other Motor Vehicles](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

[Consumer Products & Retail](#)

Community

- United Way Centennial Event, Planning Committee
- Corps Member, Teach For America
- Girls Inc. of Central Alabama, Committee of 25 (2018–2022)
- Grace House, Junior Board Committee, (2018–2019)

Leadership

- BRIDGE – Together Affinity Group, Co-Chair
- Associate of the Inn, Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court (2023–2024)
- Dallas Office Pro Bono Liaison
- Social Media Chair, Defense Research Institute (DRI), Corporate Expo Committee (2018–2019)
- Birmingham Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Executive Committee (2018–2022)

Articles & Speeches

Insights

Diversity's Next Step: Developing Minority Partners , *Law360*- Author (2019)

Solely A Savings Clause, Not an Exception: Keeping the Alabama Innocent Seller Act as Intended by the Legislature, 71:2:561 ALA. L. REV - Author (2019)

"Unity is Strength: Collaboration New Orleans-Style!" For the Defense - Author (2019)

"Top Lawsuit Risks for Alabama Manufacturers and How to Manage Them" , *Business Alabama*- Author (2019)

Events/Speaking Engagements

More than Just Luck: How Time with Your Friends Really Does Impact Your Work, Wellbeing and Happiness, Defense Research Institute (DRI) - Presenter (2023)

"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel," Alabama Defense Lawyers Association - Presenter (2021)

How To Be an Associate - Panelist (2021)

"Band of Sisters: Better Together," Defense Research Institute (DRI) - Presenter (2020)

Diversity and Inclusion in Big Law - Panelist (2020)