



## Jay Atkins

OXFORD, MS

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Jay Atkins has more than 20 years of legal experience, and has tried cases to verdict in venues across Mississippi and Tennessee. His practice focuses on catastrophic injury and large exposure claims, and he has extensive experience handling school and public entity litigation, construction litigation, transportation litigation, employment litigation and insurance coverage disputes. Jay serves on [MGC's Trucking: Rapid Response Team](#). Most recently, Jay tried a high-speed, rear-end 18-wheeler case involving traumatic brain injury, in which the jury placed 50% fault on the plaintiff, awarding a verdict for \$3.5 million less than the plaintiff's prior pre-trial settlement demand. He also recently represented the State of Mississippi's largest school district in an employment discrimination case in which the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict in Federal Court.

As the Litigation Group Leader for Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee, Jay partners with our team of lawyers and legal professionals to continue to evolve our innovative and efficient client service. He routinely presents seminars on legal issues and trial tactics to insurance adjusters, industry representatives and in-house counsel.

Outside of the office, Jay enjoys spending time with his family of five, fishing, duck hunting and watching Memphis Tiger basketball and Tennessee Titans football. Jay and his family moved to a farm at the height of the pandemic, where they raise chickens (currently 22 hens and one rooster), pigs, dairy cows (Annabelle and Dovie) and beef cows (Romeo and Juliet).

### CONTACT

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## PRACTICE AREAS

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Adulterated Food  
Alcohol Liability  
Bad Faith  
Commercial & Business Litigation  
Construction Litigation  
Director & Officer Liability/Fiduciary  
Employment  
Government/Municipal Liability  
Litigation  
Miscellaneous Professionals  
Nursing Home Liability  
Premises Liability  
Products Liability  
Management & Professional Liability  
Slander & Defamation  
Motor Vehicle Litigation  
Trucking & Transportation  
Insurance Coverage

# Curriculum Vitae

## EDUCATION

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University of Memphis (JD)

University of Memphis (BA)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Memphis Bar Association

Tennessee Bar Association

Mississippi Bar Association

Mississippi Trucking Association

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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Mississippi (2002)

Tennessee (2001)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (2016)

United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas (2016)

## AWARDS

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The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup> - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2023 - 2024)

Mid-South Super Lawyers Rising Star (2013-2016)

Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup> Peer Review Rating<sup>™</sup> - AV<sup>®</sup>

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

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Youth Leadership of Memphis (Past Member, Board of Directors)

Leadership Mississippi (2011 Graduate)