



Mark A. Barber

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Mark Barber is a seasoned litigator who handles complex, high-exposure litigation.

Mr. Barber routinely defends motor carrier clients in claims involving serious tractor trailer accidents, advises on Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations compliance, and is a member of the [Firm's 24-Hour Emergency Response Team](#). He also handles cases involving construction disputes, electric utility line contact/electrocution claims, general liability claims and commercial litigation.

Mr. Barber's approach to litigation differentiates him from other lawyers. He provides his clients with an immediate evaluation of each matter as if a trial were imminent. This early evaluation process allows clients to make better informed decisions for the remaining arc of the case. If litigation is necessary, the client can focus on aggressive, narrowly-targeted measures that result in a much more predictable and manageable result. Mr. Barber's approach informs every step of the discovery and trial preparation process.

A major focus of Mr. Barber's practice is insurance coverage, and he has become a trusted advisor to his clients on a broad range of insurance coverage and bad faith matters. Mr. Barber brings 35 years of experience evaluating and litigating insurance policies. Many of these cases involved catastrophic losses. He has handled cases involving virtually every type of insurance policy form, from "occurrence" type forms, including commercial general liability, commercial property, trucking and auto, to "claims made" forms, including Directors and Officers and Errors and Omissions. Mr. Barber has also developed specialized knowledge of the various types of cyber insurance policies. Through the years, he has assisted both policy holders and insurers in cases spanning a wide range of industries and professions, including commercial property, construction, trucking, commercial auto, cyber liability (breach and malpractice), directors and officers liability, professional errors and omissions, insurance bad faith (first and third party), primary/excess disputes, and reinsurance.

Mr. Barber also has considerable experience in electric utility litigation and has written extensively about the topic. He is national coordinating counsel for a major insurance company on all its catastrophic electric line contact cases. He has advised electric cooperatives and their insurers in cases all over the United States, and routinely handles rapid response scene investigations for his clients.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – State Bar of Georgia
- Member – American Bar Association (Public Utility Section; Litigation Section; Tort and Insurance Practice Section; Commercial Transportation Subcommittee)
- Member – Atlanta Claims Association
- Member – Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Member – DRI
- Member – Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA)
- Member – Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
- Selected as one of "Georgia's Legal Elite," by *Georgia Trend Magazine*, 2013
- Listed in *Georgia Super Lawyers* in Transportation/Maritime, 2015 – 2021
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2021, 2022)

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Member – [Baker Donelson's 24-Hour Transportation Emergency Response Team](#)



Publications

- "Coronavirus: FMCSA Acts to Protect Against CDL and CLP Expirations" (March 30, 2020)
- "Defense Production Act is Invoked by President Trump" (March 19, 2020)



Speaking Engagements

- "COVID-19 @ Work: Straight Talk Series - Session II: Business Interruption Insurance Coverage," Employment Law Alliance webinar (May 12, 2020)
- "How Your Law Firm Can Continue to Prosper in Challenging Times," Lex Machina webcast (April 17, 2020)
- "Cyber Liability Coverage and Insurance," Securing Your Future: Staying Ahead of Developments in Cybersecurity and Its Impact on Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Logistics, Health Care and Energy (August 2015)



Webinars

- Coronavirus (COVID-19): What Your Business Should Do Right Now (March 11, 2020)



Education

- Emory University School of Law, JD, 1984
- University of Kentucky, B.S., 1981



Admissions

- Georgia, 1985
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th and 11th Circuits