



## Sterling Kidd

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Sterling Kidd concentrates his practice in the areas of general business litigation and product liability, particularly the defense of automotive, drug and medical device product liability.

Mr. Kidd is a member of the Advocacy Department and is an experienced litigator who has tried and/or arbitrated cases to verdict in the product liability and premises liability areas. Mr. Kidd has litigated numerous other cases in preparation for trial and positioned them for favorable settlements, and has significant litigation experience in areas ranging from consumer finance to constitutional violations.

Mr. Kidd is a member of the Firm's [24 Hour Motor Carrier Emergency Response Team](#), a group of attorneys dedicated to providing rapid post-accident intervention and investigation throughout the Firm's footprint and beyond, whenever and wherever you need us.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Mr. Kidd was a clerk in the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for the Honorable E. Grady Jolly.

### Representative Matters

- Obtained defense verdict in case of alleged premises liability in Hinds County, Mississippi Circuit Court.
- Provided counsel in a nursing home arbitration that resulted in a defense verdict.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a products liability case alleging a defective ball-joint stud, and obtained an order denying the plaintiff's request for a judgment notwithstanding the verdict.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a products liability case alleging defective glazing in the Southern District of Mississippi.
- Obtained summary judgment in a product liability case alleging a defective power-train control module, with the decision affirmed on appeal.
- Obtained one of the first dismissals in Mississippi of a product manufacturer under *Daimler/Bauman*.
- Obtained a defense verdict in an automotive product liability case against allegations of manufacturing defect.
- Obtained defense verdict in automotive product liability case with allegations of design defect.
- Litigated copyright infringement case against one of the largest sports cable television networks in the United States, and defeated their motion for summary judgment before obtaining settlement of claim.
- Obtained a defense verdict in federal court after a five-day jury trial in a nursing home neglect case in which the plaintiff alleged that the staff's negligent care caused injuries and death of a resident. Plaintiff requested \$1.25 million in compensatory damages.
- Defended a British insurance company and one of its affiliates in a two-day bench hearing on personal jurisdiction in connection with a lawsuit involving allegations of the theft and misuse of personal data. Successfully obtained dismissal of the suit.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- Named a *Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" in Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021, 2022)
- Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star, Business Litigation (2019, 2020)
- Member – Mississippi Bar Association

- Fellow – Lawyers for Civil Justice



## Community Activities

- Member – Phoenix Club
- Member – Fondren Church



## Publications

- "Civil Rules Committee Decides Companies Must Have Right to Choose 30(b)(6) Designees" (April 2019)
- "Fifth Circuit's Reversal in Hip Implant Bellwether Appeal Underscores Risk of Overemphasizing Bellwether Trials in MDL " (May 2018)



## Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., 2010, summa cum laude, first in class
  - Member – *Mississippi Law Journal*
  - Member – Moot Court
- University of Mississippi, B.A., 2007, summa cum laude



## Admissions

- Mississippi, 2010
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit