



Rodney Dillard II

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Rodney Dillard II litigates and tries cases in a wide range of high exposure disputes including commercial, complex transportation, construction, insurance, and wrongful death litigation.

Rodney Dillard II is an associate in Baker Donelson's Birmingham and Atlanta offices and concentrates his practice in high exposure commercial and business litigation, complex transportation, construction, insurance defense and complex tort litigation. Mr. Dillard represents regional and national clients across a variety of industries in all Alabama and Georgia state and federal courts.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Mr. Dillard worked as in-house counsel for a large national insurance company, representing the company and its insureds in a variety of disputes including first- and third-party litigation and subrogation matters and providing opinions on coverage issues. Further, Mr. Dillard recovered thousands of dollars for the company by filing and trying numerous subrogation claims on its behalf. He has obtained several defense verdicts throughout his practice in the areas of complex tort defense and construction litigation.

Prior to practicing law, Mr. Dillard worked for several years in the field of grants and contract administration for the City of Birmingham and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. While working for the City's finance department as a grant administrator, Mr. Dillard collaborated with the Grants Management Division of the Mayor's Office on grant policies for municipal employees, monitored the City's state and federal grants to ensure compliance and provided grant management training. While at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, he negotiated and redlined state and federal contracts and agreements between the University and federal government, other academic institutions, and health institutions.



Representative Trials

- Obtained a defense verdict for an Alabama-based business in a week-long jury trial in Jefferson County (Alabama) in which the plaintiff sought \$1 million in damages arising out of claims of a lymphatic disorder allegedly caused by the client.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a jury trial in Jefferson County (Alabama) on behalf of a local area roofing company in which the plaintiff sought \$500,000 in damages arising out of a contract and property damage dispute.
- Recovered thousands of dollars on behalf of a national insurance company through multiple trials involving subrogation matters.



Representative Matters

- Served as second chair in State Circuit Court, securing a directed verdict at the close of the plaintiff's case on allegations of wantonness and negligent hiring, retention, and training.
- Obtained dismissal of several torts claims on behalf of a large North Alabama product distributor arising out of an accident that caused catastrophic injuries to the plaintiff.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims against a national restaurant chain on several tort claims arising out of a slip- and fall-incident.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of all claims against a local area car lot based on several fraud, breach of contract and tort claims.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – Birmingham Bar Association
- Member – Magic City Bar Association
- Member – Alabama Young Lawyers
- Participant – Minority Corporate Counsel Association 2022 Sources of Success™ Program
- Member – Birmingham Bar's 2021 Future Leaders Forum
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Insurance Law (2026)
- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America for Insurance Law (2023 – 2024); Commercial Litigation and Litigation - Construction (2024)
- Recognized as a 2023 Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) Rising Star
- Recipient – *Birmingham Business Journal* Rising Star of Law (2019)
- Member – [Baker Donelson's 24-Hour Transportation Emergency Response Team](#)



Publications

- "Force Majeure: Evaluating Contractual Supply-Chain Opportunities from a Transactional and Litigation Perspective," republished October 25, 2022, in *Supply & Demand Chain Executive* (August 2022)



Education

- Faulkner University Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, J.D., 2012
- Alabama A&M University, B.A., 2009



Admissions

- Alabama, 2012
- Georgia, 2019
- 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