



William E. Wildman III

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William Wildman focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and white-collar matters, representing clients in government investigations and litigation disputes at both the trial and appellate levels.

William counsels clients across the health care, telecommunications, construction, and energy sectors, advising companies and individuals on high-stakes issues involving fraud, regulatory compliance, and high-exposure commercial disputes. William has served as trial counsel in complex, multimillion-dollar civil jury cases defending clients on breach of contract claims, class action defense, and matters involving land use and antitrust violations, tort claims, and unfair trade practices. William regularly represents clients in federal and state investigations, including those led by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with a particular emphasis on health care fraud, False Claims Act matters, and anti-kickback allegations. He also assists clients with internal investigations related to embezzlement and corporate misconduct.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, William worked in community engagement and development for a global Fortune 100 tech company. He went on to work in higher education administration for large public and private institutions. While at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, William served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Jay C. Zainey and the Honorable Janis van Meerveld, both of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He also served as an extern with the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana and as a research fellow with the Louisiana Department of Health.

William is professionally proficient in French.

Representative Matters

- Jury trial counsel in representation of an international construction conglomerate facing \$26 million claims of breach of contract and negligence, ultimately resulting in a 99 percent decrease in overall awarded damages.
- Represented national health care systems in connection with DOJ target investigation as to practitioner misconduct under the False Claims Act.
- Represented a regional hospital system in connection with a DOJ target investigation as to medical device contracting practices and alleged misconduct under the False Claims Act.
- Obtained dismissal of relator's complaint asserting various claims under the False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback Statute, Stark Law, and Louisiana Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law on behalf of several related health care provider entities relating to wound care services.
- Represented a multi-national tax accounting conglomerate in connection with internal investigations of fraudulent activity on behalf of both clients and employees of the company.
- Represented a national insurance company in connection with internal investigations of a former employee's fraudulent activity and embezzlement of corporate funds, ultimately leading to a formal reporting and investigation with both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice.
- Providing ongoing defense of a multinational telecommunications company in federal class action lawsuits involving lead-sheathed cables and claims of environmental damage.

- Represented a leading midstream pipeline company in pursuit of a \$1.6 billion natural gas gathering project, including the prosecution of antitrust, unfair trade practices, and tort claims, resulting in favorable rulings and both parties' dismissal of claims with prejudice.
- Represented an international stevedoring company in connection with numerous third-party subpoenas for corporate depositions and trial testimony, reducing possible exposure in ongoing litigation in the Port of New Orleans.
- Successfully defeated a Motion for Summary Judgment seeking to invalidate the derivative nature of a suit against a condominium association board of directors in a suit brought on behalf of the association membership, preserving the suit and client's right to seek attorneys' fees.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Recipient – Louisiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Top Young Lawyers Award (2026)
- Member – The Pro Bono Project Board of Directors
- Member – Young Leaders Council of New Orleans' Leadership Development Series
 - Program Director – Leadership Development Series (2025)
 - Cohort Member – Leadership Development Series (2023)
- Member – American Bar Association
- Member – Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Member – Louisiana State Bar Association
 - Member, House of Delegates, 41st Judicial District
- Fellow – Louisiana Bar Foundation
- Member – New Orleans Bar Association
- Member – Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter
- Member – Bar Association of The Fifth Federal Circuit
- Member – National LGBTQIA+ Bar Association
- Associate Member – St. Thomas More Inn of Court
- Graduate – New Leaders Council of Louisiana (2021)
- Councilmember – The University of Mississippi Alumni Association's Young Alumni Council
 - Committee Chair, Scholarship Committee
- Treasurer and Scholarship Director – The University of Mississippi LGBTQIA+ Alumni Chapter



Publications

- "Bridging the Divide: Lessons in Lawyering Across Generations," *Baker Women Newsletter* (Issue 2, 2025)
- "Supreme Court Endorses "Fraudulent Inducement Theory": How the *Kousis v. United States* Ruling Widens the Road for Fraud Prosecutions" (May 2025)
- "U.S. Supreme Court Declares SEC's Action for Civil Money Penalties Unconstitutional, Upending Administrative Enforcement Powers" (July 2024)



Webinars

- "Brother Outsider" Discussion (June 2024)



Education

- Loyola University College of Law, J.D. and Health Law Certificate, 2023
 - Managing Editor, Online – *Loyola Law Review*
- University of Mississippi, M.A., 2020, summa cum laude
- University of Mississippi, B.A., 2017



Admissions

- Louisiana, 2023
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2025
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana, 2023
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2023