

Alabama Law Weekly Recognizes Favorable Decision for Freeman and Bailey

In its January 6, 2012 edition (Vol. 21, No. 1), the *Alabama Law Weekly* has recognized the case of *Mandella v. Pennington*, 73 So. 3d 1257 (Ala. Civ. App. 2011), as one of the 13 “most significant” Alabama Court of Civil Appeals decisions in 2011. Rushton Stakely shareholder Mac Freeman and associate Evans Bailey successfully argued in *Mandella*, at the trial court and appellate levels, that the plaintiff could not prevail on his wantonness claim under the Guest Passenger Statute in an automobile accident case. Mac and Evans’s client, the driver of the automobile, allegedly caused the accident when he drove across multiple lanes on Highway 84 in Dothan in an effort to beat oncoming traffic.