

Best Lawyers® Names Bailey, Hargrove, Lindsey, Tyson, and Wells Lawyer of the Year

Rushton Stakely is pleased to announce that shareholders, **Dennis R. Bailey, Alan T. Hargrove, Daniel L. Lindsey, Fred W. Tyson, and Helen C. Wells** have been selected as “Lawyers of the Year” in the 2022 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, a guide that is highly respected in the legal community. Lawyers are selected based on extensive reviews by their peers, and only one lawyer in a specific practice field and location is selected annually for this publication.

Mr. Bailey has been honored for his work in Product Liability Litigation- Defendants in Montgomery, Alabama. After serving as a federal law clerk in the Middle District of Alabama for one year, Mr. Bailey began practicing law with the firm in 1980 and has been a shareholder since 1983. Building upon a strong background of product liability and insurance defense, Mr. Bailey’s practice has evolved into handling a variety of complex litigation directly for clients who are either self-insured or have control over the selection of defense counsel. Mr. Bailey works closely with corporate counsel and is therefore familiar with corporate litigation guidelines, reporting, and budgeting requirements. He has managed and argued complex litigation for corporate manufacturing, insurance, and financial services clients as pro hac vice counsel in federal or state cases in Arizona, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and California. He has also represented clients in construction arbitration proceedings and has served as an arbitrator. A former newspaper reporter, cartoonist and magazine editor, Mr. Bailey has been involved in media law

since 1980, particularly matters involving First Amendment rights and open government. He has served for years as general counsel for the Alabama Press Association and other media clients, and now supervises a statewide media hotline.

Mr. Hargrove has been honored for his work in Insurance Law in Montgomery, Alabama. He joined the firm in 1999 and became a shareholder in 2005. He is a member of the litigation department, and he currently serves on the firm's management committee. He has a broad civil defense practice that includes complex and commercial litigation, construction law, product liability, state and federal employment claims, and professional liability. Recently, a significant percentage of his practice has focused on the representation of major pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers. Mr. Hargrove has also defended employers in discrimination, retaliatory discharge, and whistleblower claims.

Mr. Lindsey has been honored for his work in Tax Law in Montgomery, Alabama. He joined the firm in 1995 and became a shareholder in 2001. He practices in federal and state taxation, general corporate and business law, in addition to estate planning and probate. Before entering law school, he practiced as a certified public accountant for three years. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1994 where he was a member of the National Moot Court Team and the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board. Mr. Lindsey received his L.L.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law in 1995.

Mr. Tyson has been honored for his work in Medical Malpractice Law—Defendants in Montgomery, Alabama. He joined the firm in 1982 and has over thirty years of experience litigating a wide range of civil cases throughout the state. His practice is primarily devoted to the defense of physicians, hospitals, nurses and other healthcare professionals in medical malpractice cases. He also handles other complex litigation matters such as legal and other professional liability cases.

Mrs. Wells has been honored for her work in Trust and Estates in Montgomery, Alabama. She has a background of years in trust administration, banking, and bank holding company legal administration gives Mrs. Wells a wide range of experience in corporate mergers and other transactions, securities issuance and disclosure, bank regulatory matters, corporate governance, and estate planning and trust and estate administration. Mrs. Wells' practice includes corporate, partnership, and personal financing and real estate transactions, taxation, entity formations, corporate transactions including purchases, mergers and reorganizations, and corporate buy-sell agreements, and other business succession planning. Her probate and estate planning practice has included innovative tax and personal planning for complex estates involving closely-held businesses, generation-skipping tax problems, minimization of estate and gift taxes by various techniques, securing IRS private letter rulings, and numerous other issues. She has been a shareholder of the firm since 1992.

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