

Dumas and Arshad Secure Appellate Victory for In-State Financial Institution

On October 31, 2025, Royal C. Dumas and Taimoor Arshad obtained a unanimous affirmance by the Supreme Court of Alabama. In an Order, the Supreme Court of Alabama voted 7–0, with two Justices recused, to affirm without opinion the dismissal of Plaintiffs' case and in favor of the in-state bank.

In a prior lawsuit, Plaintiffs made numerous claims grounded in fraud, breach of contract, and wantonness regarding a proposed loan to be issued by the in-state financial institution. Ultimately, a summary judgment in the bank's favor was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2024. Just before the Supreme Court of Alabama affirmed that summary judgment, Plaintiffs attempted a second bite at the apple, bringing the same claims in a new lawsuit. Consequently, the trial court dismissed that lawsuit on various grounds, including res judicata, which the Supreme Court of Alabama affirmed on appeal without opinion.