

# **Keene and Sexton Obtain Defense Verdict in Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

Thomas H. Keene and T. Grant Sexton, Jr. obtained a defense verdict in favor of a Tuscaloosa physician in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, before the Honorable Bradley Almond. The case involved allegations of medical malpractice relating to care provided to a newborn in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit within the first 24 hours of life. The defense presented expert testimony which established that the physician's care met or exceeded the applicable standard of care, and that no act or omission on his part caused the child any injury. In fact, the evidence presented established that the child was born with a deadly disease at birth, whom but for the life-saving care provided by the physician, and his team, would not have survived. The jury returned a verdict following deliberations of less than one hour. Mr. Keene and Mr. Sexton were assisted by local counsel, R. Bernard Harwood.