



Donna S. Pate

Bar admissions: Alabama, 1982

Practice Areas

- Trial and appellate practice
- Public employment law
- Insurance defense
- Corporate civil defense
- Professional malpractice
- School law

Profile

Mrs. Pate has experience at both the trial and appellate level, covering a wide range of insurance and corporate civil defense matters. She has represented insurance carriers in a variety of motor-vehicle liability-insurance cases involving personal automobiles as well as such commercial vehicles as delivery vans and tractor-trailer trucks. She has handled both uninsured and underinsured motorist cases. She has also represented insurance carriers in a variety of residential and commercial premises-liability cases (involving such diverse issues as slip-and-fall and burns). She has defended public entities in employment law cases involving wrongful discharge and hiring discrimination.

Mrs. Pate has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2009. She is listed in the area of personal injury litigation. SuperLawyers.com named her an Alabama Super Lawyer for 2009, 2010, and 2011. SuperLawyers also named her one of the top-25 women lawyers in Alabama for 2010 and 2011.

Professional Associations

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

American Bar Association

Alabama Bar Association

Vice President, 1996-97

Chairman, Disciplinary Panel, 1996-97

Executive Council, 1995-96

Bar Commissioner, 1993 –

Supreme Court Liaison Committee, 1994 –

Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association

President, 1996-97

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Education

J.D., 1982, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Member, Order of the Coif

Hugo L. Black Scholar

Dean M. Leigh Harrison Award

Articles Editor, *Alabama Law Review*

B.A., *magna cum laude*, David Lipscomb College, Nashville, TN

Publications

“Anti-Profit Statute: A Recent Trend in Victim Compensation,” *Alabama Law Review* (1981).

Other Experience

Substitute City Court Judge, City of Huntsville, 1997

Law clerk for a U.S. District Court Judge, Northern District of Alabama, 1982-83

Director, Harris Home for Children

Member, Allocations Committee, United Way of Madison County

Member, Junior League of Huntsville

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