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Drew Phillips is a commercial litigator whose practice focuses on defending clients in class actions and multidistrict litigation. His Fortune 500 clients come to him for defense and counsel on a wide range of issues, from product recalls in the food and beverage and manufacturing industries to putative class action litigation in a variety of contexts. Drew has extensive courtroom experience, ranging from dispositive motions hearings, class certification hearings, bench trials, and lengthy product liability lawsuits. He is recognized as a leading attorney by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Food and Beverage Law.

Before joining the firm, Drew was lead in-house litigation counsel for a large automotive aftermarket retailer, where he was directly responsible for an extensive and diverse litigation docket.

During law school, Drew was selected as a Burks Scholar, a position teaching legal research and writing to first year law students.

### *Representative Experience*

- Extensive class action defense experience, including defeating class certification on behalf of ExxonMobil Corporation in two putative class actions and working on ConAgra's national product labeling class action defense team.
- Argued and won a case before the Georgia Supreme Court on behalf of a large financial institution. The court unanimously reversed a Georgia Court of Appeals opinion that threatened to greatly expand litigation by defaulted borrowers against banks and other lenders.
- Tried and won a jury trial on behalf of a large automotive manufacturer in a serious product liability lawsuit. After three weeks of evidence, including multiple fact and expert witnesses on both sides, the 12-person jury returned a defense verdict.

### *Publications & Presentations*

#### **Publications**

- "Split Looms over 9th Circ. Injunctive Relief on False Labeling," *Law360*, June 7, 2022.
- "Recent Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Suits Offer Best Practices," *Law360*, November 17, 2021.
- "9th Circ. Honey Label Ruling Reflects 'Common Sense' Shift," *Law360*, July 30, 2021.
- "The Blue Bell Ice Cream Listeria Outbreak and Its Fallout," *Food Safety News*, August 1, 2019.

- “3 Key Food and Beverage Trends To Watch In 2019,” *Law360*, January 1, 2019.

## ***Professional & Community Engagement***

- Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), International Association of Privacy Professionals

## ***Education***

- Washington and Lee University (J.D., 2003)
- University of North Alabama (B.S., 1999)

## ***Admitted to Practice***

- Georgia