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*With more than 10 years of experience, most recently as lead in-house counsel, Drew is uniquely positioned to guide clients through the complex and chaotic world of class action litigation. Drew's food and beverage clients depend on him for sound counsel when their brand or product's reputation is on the line.*

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