

Partner

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Chris Meyer is a partner in the firm's litigation section where he focuses his practice on complex civil litigation matters in the areas of construction, commercial, real estate, financial services, and transportation. He represents clients at the trial level and on appeal in jurisdictions throughout the Southeast.

Construction and Project Development: Chris represents clients throughout the construction industry, including owners, general contractors, architects, engineers, subcontractors, and suppliers. He also represents manufacturers in product liability claims on construction projects. His experience in the construction area includes actions concerning breaches of construction contracts, construction defects, warranty claims, lien foreclosures, public bid protests, nonpayment, and general liability insurance coverage issues. Chris has litigated matters involving projects such as highways, public schools, stadiums and arenas, industrial manufacturing facilities, retail facilities, condominiums, apartment complexes, and subdivision developments.

Financial Services and Real Estate: Chris has extensive experience litigating consumer finance cases on behalf of banking and finance clients. He has routinely handled cases involving the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and various state and federal consumer protection statutes. He also represents title insurers, insured lenders, and insured owners in litigation and claims arising from real estate transactions.

Representative matters include the curing of title defects, litigating cases involving adverse possession claims, eminent domain proceedings, and estate proceedings, and defending insurers in coverage disputes and against bad faith actions. Chris's real estate experience also includes the representation of paper and packaging manufacturers in actions alleging timber theft and related causes of action.

#### PARALEGAL/ASSISTANT

Paralegal

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#### **CAPABILITIES**

Commercial Litigation

Financial Institutions

Construction & Project Development

Consumer Finance Litigation & Compliance

**Product Liability** 

Sports & Entertainment

### **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of Miami School of Law

M.S., Mississippi State University B.B.A., Mississippi State University

### LICENSED IN

magna cum laude

Florida

Louisiana

Mississippi

Tennessee

### ADMITTED IN

U.S. District Court - Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Northern District of Florida

**Labor and Employment:** Chris has experience representing businesses and their management in litigation alleging wrongful termination, as well as violation of the Family Medical Leave Act, violation of the American with Disabilities Act, and violation of 42 U.S.C. 1981, alleging race discrimination.

**Transportation:** Chris represents railroads and parties involved in the shipping industry in actions concerning property damage, personal injury, toxic exposure, and environmental claims

Additionally, Chris also serves as the Jackson office's student hiring partner.

### Experience

- Represented governmental entity with regard to its claims against a construction manager and its principals stemming from the negligent design and construction of a culled cow processing facility, which resulted in the facility's complete failure.
- Represented the owners of a luxury, waterfront residence located in Bal Harbor, Florida, against their general contractor concerning claims for negligent construction in proceedings before the American Arbitration Association, in which the client sought damages related to negligent construction, delay, and diminished value. The clients' claims were successfully settled prior to arbitration.
- Represented a shell contractor against construction defect claims stemming from the construction of an independent and assisted senior living facility located in Aventura, Florida. Claims against client were successfully settled.
- Represented an American-based distributor and installer of Italian cabinetry against its Italian manufacturer and supplier with regard to its claims for breach of contract, breach of warranties, and breach of exclusivity agreement. The client's claims were successfully settled.
- Successfully appealed a Judgment of the United States District
  Court for the Northern District of Mississippi to the Fifth Circuit
  Court of Appeals, in which the Fifth Circuit interpreted
  Mississippi Code Annotated § 89-1-29, and held that a deed of
  trust related to husband and wife's homestead was valid and
  enforceable where the husband and wife contemporaneously
  signed separate but identical deeds of trust. Worked collectively

- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Mississippi
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Mississippi
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit



with William J. Long and Travis Ramey.

- Obtained summary judgment in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi
  on behalf of a national paper and packaging manufacturer client against claims by a former employee of
  violation of the Family and Medical Leave Act, Violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title
  VII of the Civil Rights Act racial discrimination. Worked collectively with John Coleman.
- Obtained affirmance, by the Mississippi Supreme Court, of a state trial court's order granting Motion to Dismiss for Plaintiff's failure to bring action within the Mississippi Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act's statute of limitation.

### Honors & Recognition

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation since 2022, Construction Law since 2022,
   Litigation Construction since 2022
- Mid-South Super Lawyers "Rising Star," Construction Litigation (2016-2019)
- Super Lawyers, Mississippi "Rising Star," Construction Litigation (2015)

### News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
   Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Name, Image and Likeness Team and BurrSportsLaw.com in the News Firm News, 09.22.2021
- Burr & Forman Launches NIL Microsite for College Athletes Firm News, 09.14.2021
- Burr & Forman Promotes Attorneys To Partnership Firm News, 01.04.2016
- 16 Burr and Forman Attorneys Selected Among Mid-South Super Lawyers For 2015
   Firm News, 11.09.2015

### **Articles**

- Burr Alert: Mississippi Supreme Court Reaffirms Narrow Role of Courts in Modifying Arbitration Awards Articles / Publications, 06.29.2018
- Burr Alert: As Construction Safety Week Ends, We Consider the Rise of Criminal Liability for Construction Accidents
  - Articles / Publications, 05.11.2018
- Co-Author, "How to Excel as In-House Counsel, Looking from the Inside Out," Articles / Publications, 04.15.2015
- Burr Alert: What Now? Why Maryland's Decision to Recognize the International Green Construction Code May Signal a Major Shift in the Means Utilized to Implement Green Construction Code Requirements Articles / Publications, 12.18.2014



• Burr Alert: Mississippi Legislature Expands State's Lien Law to Protect Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Materialmen

Articles / Publications, 06.25.2014

### **Blog Posts**

• Fifth Circuit Holds Motions for Attorney's Fees Provided by Contract are Permissible Under Federal Rules Consumer Finance Litigation, 02.07.2014

### **Professional Activities**

- Florida Bar
- Louisiana State Bar
- Mississippi Bar Association
- Tennessee State Bar
- American Bar Association
- · American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry
- Federal Bar Association
- Capital Area Bar Association, Member (2011-present)

