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Ron Flowers is a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group. In his practice, he represents management in all aspects of labor and employment law, including representing clients in class and individual plaintiff litigation before federal and state courts, in arbitration, and before administrative tribunals.

He regularly advises and represents clients regarding issues under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Titles I and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the National Labor Relations Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the WARN Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, USERRA, and various other federal and state statutes and regulations.

He represents employers in investigations by and in litigation against OSHA, the NLRB, and the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. He advises companies undergoing union campaigns and dealing with union representatives. During recent years, he has defended employers in countless collective and individual FLSA overtime cases.

Ron has conducted seminar presentations on a variety of labor and employment law topics for industry groups, Bar sections, local employer organizations, and clients. He regularly conducts training for managers and supervisors on labor and employment issues. He was named a Rising Star in 2010 by Alabama Super Lawyers. He is a member of the Alabama, Birmingham, and American Bar Association. Ron serves on the Executive Committee of the Labor & Employment Section of the Alabama State Bar.

Ron received his B.S. in Commerce in 1999 from the University of Virginia and his J.D. in 2002 from Duke University School of Law. During law school, he served on the Editorial Board of the Duke Law Journal.

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CAPABILITIES

Employment Litigation

Manufacturing

Labor & Employment

Restaurant Services

Labor Relations

OSHA

Wage & Hour

Long Term Care

EDUCATION

J.D., Duke University School of Law

B.S., University of Virginia

LICENSED IN

Alabama

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Seminar Presentations & Speaking Engagements

- NBI: Alabama Employment Law Update, Teleconference-September 2012
- Alabama Annual State Bar Meeting: Labor & Employment Update- July 2012
- Fair Labor Standards Act Update – Management Perspective Alabama State Bar L&E Section Seminar on the Gulf – September 2011
- Recruitment/Hiring Documents and Investigating & Documenting Employee Misconduct National Business Institute Seminar, May 2011
- FLSA, Nursing Mother regulations, and GINA Issues Burr & Forman L&E Client Seminar, February 2011
- Employer Beware: The Risks of Ignoring Employee Blogs Marshall County HR Management Association, August 2010
- Labor & Employment Legislation Update Manufacture Alabama Safety, Security & HR Conference, April 2010
- Reducing the Potential for Discrimination & Harassment Liability; Managing Executive Compensation National Business Institute Seminar, October 2009

Experience

- Favorable Jury Verdict in FLSA Action
06.21.2023
- Reversal of NLRB Decision
08.25.2021

Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Employment Law-Management since 2014, Labor Law-Management since 2014
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Employment and Labor (2016-2017)
- *Alabama Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Employment & Labor (2010, 2012-2015)

News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Burr & Forman Attorneys Successfully Defend Nursing Home as Appeals Court Reverses NLRB Decision
Firm News, 08.25.2021
- Burr Launches Labor & Employment Podcast Series
Firm News, 09.02.2020
- Burr's Labor Team Assists Manufacturer in Major Union Election Victory
Firm News, 06.15.2018

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- Ron Flowers and Carlton Hilson Featured in *Employee Benefit News* on New FLSA Regulations Firm News, 05.12.2016

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker: Labor & Employment Seminar
Speaking Engagement, Birmingham, AL, 05.04.2018
- Speaker, Team Relations Resource Network Meeting
Speaking Engagement, Burr & Forman; Montgomery, AL, 02.22.2018
- Speaker, Labor & Employment Law Update
Speaking Engagement, Burr & Forman; Nashville, TN, 02.13.2018
- Speaker, 2017 Honda Supplier Associate Relations Group (SARG) Southern Law Review and Roundtable
Speaking Engagement, Hilton Garden Inn Suites Downtown; Nashville, TN, 11.29.2017
- Speaker, HR Workshop by Ultimate Software
Speaking Engagement, Sheraton Birmingham; Birmingham, AL, 02.16.2017

Articles

- OSHA Launches National Emphasis Program to Protect High-Risk Workers from COVID-19 or Retaliation from COVID-19 Complaints
Articles / Publications, 03.15.2021
- Ron Flowers Details 10 Labor & Employment Changes to Expect for *Corporate Counsel*
Articles / Publications, 02.11.2021
- “Prepare for Wide Range of COVID-Related Lawsuits,” SHRM Online
Articles / Publications, 05.28.2020
- DOL Issues Third Round of Questions and Answers on Families First Coronavirus Response
Articles / Publications, 03.31.2020
- Labor and Employment COVID-19 Response Webinar Series
Articles / Publications, 03.20.2020

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- Alabama State Bar
- Birmingham Bar Association