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Practice Areas

Appellate Litigation
Business & Commercial
Litigation
Government Relations &
Legislative Advocacy
State & Local Tax
Tax Policy

Bar Admissions

Alabama, 1985

Education

The University of Alabama
School of Law, J.D., 1985;
Order of the Coif; Editorial
Board, *Alabama Law Review*,
1983–1985; Hugo L. Black
Scholar, 1984; M. Leigh
Harrison Award, 1985

Vanderbilt University, B.A.,
1981, *cum laude*



Matthew McDonald is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation and Government Relations Practice Groups. He practices in the areas of civil litigation and government affairs, generally representing publicly held entities in a variety of matters.

Mr. McDonald is nationally recognized for his successes in tort reform and has served as counsel for the Business Council of Alabama and the Alabama Civil Justice Reform Committee. In 2003, he was named among the American Tort Reform Association's first group of "Legal Reform Champions"—a list of high-profile attorneys who have dedicated themselves to restoring equal justice under law and reclaiming the civil justice system from the grip of plaintiffs' attorneys. Mr. McDonald's reform activities also have played a role in the new era of economic development in Alabama.

Noteworthy

- Named to "Legal Reform Champions" list by the American Tort Reform Association in 2003
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

Presentations

- Legislative Ethics, A Practical Guide
Montgomery, Alabama, February 10, 2009
- Legislative Staff Ethics, A Practical Guide
Montgomery, Alabama, January 15, 2009

Publications

- "Arbitration Opponents: Barking Up the Wrong Branch"
62 Ala. Law 56, January 2001

- "The Process of Reform"
24 Cumb. L. Rev. 478, 1994

Memberships

- Alabama State Bar
- American Bar Association
- Mobile Bar Association