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**Practice Areas**

Banking & Financial  
Services Litigation

Bankruptcy, Restructuring &  
Creditors'-Debtors' Rights

Business & Commercial  
Litigation

Construction

Environmental & Toxic Torts

**Bar Admissions**

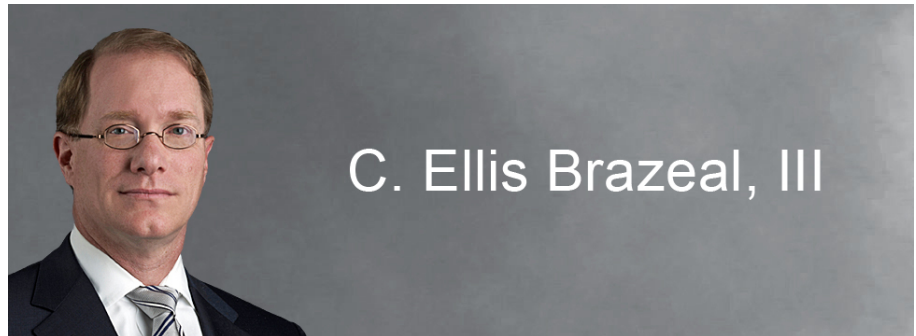
Alabama, 1987

**Education**

University of Virginia School  
of Law, J.D., 1987

The University of Alabama,  
M.S.E., 1984, with honors

The University of Alabama,  
B.S.A.E., 1983, *summa cum  
laude*



Ellis Brazeal is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group and practices from the firm's Birmingham office. He has more than 20 years of experience in commercial litigation, including all levels of state, federal, and bankruptcy courts. His areas of expertise include the representation of financial institutions, construction and surety litigation, and environmental law.

Mr. Brazeal's representation of financial institutions has involved a specific focus on creditors' rights in bankruptcy. In the construction arena, he has represented owners, contractors, and suppliers, both in negotiating contracts and in litigating and arbitrating disputes. His practice in the environmental field includes litigation; administrative proceedings; and providing counsel to owners of real property, as to both greenfield and brownfield sites; and operators of businesses.

Mr. Brazeal is an adjunct professor at the College of Engineering for The University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he regularly teaches a course in Engineering Law and a course in Environmental Law.

**Noteworthy**

- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization law

**Representative Matters**

- *Horton v. Alexander*, 977 So.2d 462, 2007 WL 2019588 (Ala. 2007)
- *U.S. v. Mountain Metal Co.*, 137 F. Supp.2d 1267 (N.D. Ala. 2001)

- *B&G, LLC v. AmSouth Bank, N.A.*, 716 So.2d 1263 (Ala.Civ. App.1998)
- *Southern Energy Homes, Inc., v. AmSouth Bank of Alabama*, 709 So.2d 1180 (Ala. 1998)
- *City of Mountain Brook v. Green Valley Partners I*, 690 So.2d 359 (Ala. 1997)
- *Ex parte AmSouth Bank of Alabama*, 669 So.2d 154 (Ala. 1995)

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### **Presentations**

- "What to Do When Construction Projects Go Bad"  
Harbert Center, Birmingham, Alabama, February 23, 2012
- "Environmental Law from A to Z"  
June 12, 2010

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### **Memberships**

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