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Services

Catastrophic Injury

Complex Commercial Litigation

Litigation

Perry Sentell focuses his practice on general litigation in both state and federal courts with an emphasis on commercial litigation, toxic torts, employment discrimination, civil rights, personal injury, insurance coverage, business torts, racketeering, and appellate work. Perry is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

Perry was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation in 2026 and the 15 years immediately preceding.

Experience

The firm served as lead counsel to Boardman Petroleum in two significant actions resulting in reported decisions. The first action was brought in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia (Augusta) for recovery of the cleanup costs associated with environmental contamination of a number of sites. Upon a certified question from the Eleventh Circuit, the Georgia Supreme Court accepted our arguments and construed the “onsite” property damage exclusion in our favor, holding that the exclusion did not exclude coverage for property damage that had spread offsite or was in imminent danger of spreading offsite. The Supreme Court also accepted our argument and cited with approval cases from other jurisdictions that refused to allocate between covered and excluded costs when such costs were awarded for remediating both onsite and offsite pollution. The decision is reported at Boardman Petroleum, Inc. v. Federated Mut. Ins. Co., 269 Ga. 326, 498 S.E.2d 492 (Ga. 1998). In the second suit, the Eleventh Circuit held that the breach of contract claim instituted by Boardman Petroleum in Georgia took precedence over declaratory judgment actions instituted by carriers in South Carolina, despite South Carolina’s statute providing that insurance disputes involving property damage generally will be governed by the law of the state where the property is located. The Eleventh Circuit held that Georgia’s law controlled, which led to a favorable settlement for our client. The decision is reported at Boardman Petroleum, Inc. v. Federated Mut. Ins. Co., 150 F.3d 1327 (11th Cir. 1998). *Boardman Petroleum, Inc. v. Federated Mut. Ins. Co.,* 269 Ga. 326, 498 S.E.2d 492 (Ga. 1998); *Boardman Petroleum, Inc. v. Federated Mut. Ins. Co.*, 150 F.3d 1327 (11th Cir. 1998).

Represented a worker injured in a transformer explosion. The case settled through mediation.

Represented a mother and children severely burned following explosion caused by uncapped gas line.

Represented a man injured when an industrial plant boiler exploded causing superheated steam to escape. The case settled through mediation.

The firm served as lead counsel for a couple in a catastrophic injury case. The victim was a maintenance worker who was burned by superheated steam while he was repairing a hoist. The case settled through mediation.

Represented a man who sustained an electrocution injury when coming into contact with a downed high voltage power line while walking in woods. The case settled through mediation.

Education

University of Florida J.D. (1989) *with honors*

University of Georgia B.A. (1986) *magna cum laude*

Admissions

Georgia (1989)

South Carolina

Clerkships

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Professional & Community Activities

Broad Street Ministries, Hope Dental Clinic, Board of Directors, Member

American Cancer Society, Augusta Leadership Council, Current Member, Former Chairman

First Baptist Church of Augusta - First Vice Moderator, Deacon

Insights

News Releases

Kilpatrick Breaks Record for Number of Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®
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Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Top Recognitions in 2023 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®

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