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Ray Chadwick concentrates his practice on catastrophic injury and products liability matters, as well as representing medical providers and institutions. His experience includes representation of victims of catastrophic burn injuries in cases involving personal injury, wrongful death and products liability claims. He also handles commercial disputes, antitrust and medical malpractice litigation.

Immediately following law school, Mr. Chadwick spent four years as a Captain in the United States Air Force where he was assigned duties as a military trial counsel.

Mr. Chadwick was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bet-the-Company Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Product Liability Litigation in 2010 and the three years immediately preceding. He has also been recognized as one of Georgia's "Legal Elite" for 2004 by *Georgia Trend* magazine. Mr. Chadwick received the 3rd Annual Rober L. Allgood Service Award from the Augusta Bar Association. He was recognized as a 2008 Georgia "Super Lawyer" in the areas of Personal Injury and Civil Litigation Defense. He is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

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Experience

Represented a man in litigation when a hot water heater explosion killed his wife and burned one of his sons.

Represented a man who suffered second and third degree burns in a product liability claim. The injuries occurred when a pressure washer lacking safety controls sprayed high pressure and high temperature water onto the man.

Represented a mother and her two young daughters in a product liability case against multiple defendants. The family's mobile home caught fire when a sofa made out of flammable material caught fire and emitted toxic smoke. The mobile home only had two exit doors, both located in the living room area where the sofa was located. One daughter suffered burns over 96% of her body and the other perished in the fire. The sofa's flammable material and the mobile home's lack of adequate exits and smoke detectors resulted in the injuries. The case settled through mediation.

Served as counsel for an individual in a product liability action against a manufacturer of components for 4x4 vehicles. Our client became paralyzed after an accident involving the defendant's product. After extensive mediation a favorable settlement was obtained.

Represented in a personal injury and products liability suit a four year old child who was seriously burned when a flammable liquid product was ignited by a lit candle. The case settled through mediation.

Represented a nine year old girl seriously burned when an oil candle with an unguarded flame ignited her dress. The case settled through mediation.

Represented a truck driver injured when an asphalt silo malfunctioned, spilling molten asphalt into the truck cab and trapping the driver.

Represented a man injured when a beam being moved by crane operator came into contact with an overhead power line electrocuting the man. The case was settled through mediation.

Represented two children injured when acetone spilled from a non child-resistant container onto a kerosene heater causing an explosive fireball. Both children suffered severe burn injuries. The case settled through mediation.

Represented a Georgia hospital in medical malpractice litigation.

Education

University of Virginia J.D. (1972)

Emory University B.A. (1969) History, *cum laude*

Admissions

Georgia (1976)

Pennsylvania (1973)

Professional & Community Activities

Augusta Bar Association, Member and Past President

State Bar of Georgia, Dispute Resolution Section, Executive Committee Member, Federal Courts Liaison, Legislation and Multijurisdictional Practice Committees Member

United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Court Advisory Committee

Vestry of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Member and Former Treasurer

Augusta Port Authority, Former Chair

Episcopal Day School, Former Member of the Board of Trustees

Greater Augusta Arts Council, Former President

Leadership of Georgia, Former Member and Past Program Chair

United States District Court Judges for the Southern District of Georgia, Chairman of a panel assigned responsibility for reviewing candidates for the position of United States Magistrate Judge