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Services

Complex Commercial Litigation
Constitutional Litigation
Litigation

Industries

Media & Entertainment

Lesli Gaither focuses her practice on media litigation and counseling, as well as complex commercial litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Lesli worked as an associate in the Atlanta office of an east coast law firm where she represented a variety of media companies, including broadcast, print and internet, defending against defamation, privacy, copyright and other content-related claims. Lesli has additionally represented media organizations and journalists seeking access to records and court proceedings, as well as protecting journalists from subpoenas and requests for newsgathering materials. In addition, Lesli has handled a wide variety of commercial litigation, ranging, among other things, from complex employment matters to business valuation proceedings.

Lesli also routinely provides her media clients pre-publication and pre-broadcast review, including counseling on content issues, newsgathering techniques, and responding to threats of litigation. Lesli also assists clients with operational issues, including record retention and pre-litigation decision-making.

Lesli has practiced in both the federal and state courts of Georgia, and has also handled litigation in, among other places, New York, Florida, California, and the District of Columbia.

Lesli was recognized in 2027 and the three years immediately preceding by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Communications Law. She was recognized in 2011, 2012 and 2013 as a Georgia "Rising Star" in the area of First Amendment, Media and Advertising Law and again in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in the area of Media and Advertising Law by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

Experience

Defended radio group in high profile defamation claim arising from website of well-known radio personality.

Represented internet company against claims asserting fraud in distribution of ownership interests.

Defended television station in connection with defamation claims brought by participant in college hazing incident.

Represented a consortium of media companies in seeking access to hearings and trial proceeding in high-profile murder triangle trial.

Represented interests of media and public-interest groups in connection with revision of Georgia Sunshine Laws by Georgia Attorney General and Georgia General Assembly.

Represented book publisher against claims arising from financial misconduct by author.

Represented television studio and talk show host against claims for invasion of privacy and misappropriation based on appearance of minor on talk show.

Education

Vanderbilt University Law School J.D. (2001) *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, Student Notes Editor
Vanderbilt Moot Court Board, Problem Editor and Member

Purdue University B.A. (1997)

Admissions

Georgia (2004)

District of Columbia (2002)

Maryland (2001)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Professional & Community Activities

The Georgia Bar Media & Judiciary Conference, Planning Committee, Member

Media Law Resource Center, Newsgathering Committee, Member

Insights

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Kilpatrick Attorneys Once Again Earn Outstanding Recognitions in 2027 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®

August 20, 2026

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Kilpatrick Breaks Record for Number of Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®

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Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Record-Breaking Recognition in 2024 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®
August 17, 2023

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Kilpatrick Townsend Announces 2016 Kilpatrick Townsend Pro Bono Awards
April 12, 2017

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October 16, 2016