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• **Alexander Shunnarah Trial Attorneys PC and Turnbull Holcomb & LeMoine PC** returned a \$15 million unanimous verdict for a child's wrongful death against the Alabama Department of Human Resources in Montgomery County

Circuit Court August 5. A 9-year-old child was in the custody of DHR at Children's Hospital in Birmingham in 2013 at the time of his death.

- **The Jefferson County Judicial**

Commission is accepting nominations

for a vacancy in the Circuit Court, Domestic Relations Division, Place 20, from Aug. 22 to Sept. 6. Interviews will be conducted among applicants on or about Sept. 22-23, after which time three qualified applicants will be submitted to the governor for a final candidate to be selected for appointment.

- Intellectual property Attorney Laconya Murray has launched **MARKEDLegal.com** as a free legal business resource to help entrepreneurs avoid legal mistakes. Paid products on the website include contract templates, courses, books, workbooks, trademark services and more.

- **Compton Jones Dresher LLP** Partner Paul Compton has been named Lawyer of the Year for 2023 in the area of financial services regulation law by Best Lawyers in America.

- **Spotswood Sansom & Sansbury LLC** had the following local attorneys recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2023: Robert K. Spotswood, Kenneth D. Sansom, Michael T. Sansbury, Emily J. Tidmore, Grace L. Kipp, William T. Paulk, and Joshua K. Payne. Morgan B. Franz and Michael Morris were recognized as "Ones to Watch." Spotswood, Sansbury and Emily J. Tidmore were also recognized as "Lawyers of the Year" in their respective practice areas.

- **Phelps Dunbar LLP** had the following 19 local lawyers recognized on the Best Lawyers in America List in 2023: Diane Maughan, F. Gerald Burnett, Christopher P. Couch, Roy J. Crawford, C. Fred Daniels, Carolyn L. Duncan, Sydney F. Frazier Jr., John M. Graham, James F. Henry, Crawford S. McGivaren Jr., George L. Morris IV, Michael B. Odom, R. Carlton Smyly, G. Thomas Sullivan, Steve A. Tucker, Michael E. Turner and Herbert H. West Jr.

- **Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC** Shareholder James C. Pennington was named the 2023 Lawyer of the Year in Birmingham Education Law. Fellow Ogletree attorneys Gordon L. Blair, Josh Harrison, T. Scott Kelly, James A. Patton, M. Tae Phillips and David L. Warren Jr. also made the Best Lawyers List. Tina Lam made the “Ones to Watch” list.

- **Adams & Reese LLP** had the following five local attorneys listed in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America: Richard P. Carmody, Robert D. Eckinger, M. Ann Huckstep, Rebecca W. Pritchett and Stephen A. Rowe.

- **Dentons Sirote PC** had the following 53 attorneys listed in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America: Thomas A. Ansley, Katherine N. Barr, Robert R. Baugh, Joseph S. Bluestein, Steven A. Brickman, Timothy A. Bush, W. Todd Carlisle, J.S. "Chris" Christie, Jr., Richard J. Cohn, John H. Cooper, Kristen S. Cross, R. Ryan Daugherty, J. Mason Davis, Jr., Timothy D. Davis, Samuel D. Friedman, Gaile Pugh Gratton Greene, Peter J. Hardin, Joshua L. Hornady, Daniel R. Hugunine, Thomas B. Humphries, Elizabeth H. Hutchins, Donald E. Johnson, Leigh A. Kaylor, Ronald A. Levitt, Jay G. Maples, Melinda M. Mathews, J. Rushton McClees, George M. "Jack" Neal, Jr., Howard W. Neiswender, Rodney E. Nolen, Stephen B. Porterfield, Gregory P. Rhodes, Joseph T. Ritchey, Maurice L. Shevin, Tanya K. Shunnara, Adam J. Sigman, J. Scott Sims, J. Sklar, Kyle T. Smith, James ("Jim") R. Sturdivant, Jim Vann, James ("Jim") S. Williams, Thomas A. "Tom" Woodall, David M. Wooldridge and Peter M. Wright. The following local lawyers were named “Ones to Watch”: William D. Bolling III, J. Winston Busby, Jordan Jackson, Sidney W. Jackson IV, Alex Sidwell, Nathan Stotser, and Alyse N. Windsor.

- **Balch & Bingham LLP** had two Birmingham attorneys recognized as Lawyer of the Year: Stan Blanton in Energy Law, and Chuck Burkhart in Construction Law. The firm also had 30 local attorneys recognized as “Ones to Watch,” including Julia Barber, Robert Baxley, Steven Corhern,

James Dawkins, Thomas DeBray, Elizabeth Flachsbart, Ryan Hodinka, Jonathan Hoffmann, Adam Israel, Lee Johnsey, Irving Jones, Ginny Willcox Leavens, Joe Leavens, Christina Rossi, Dan Ruth, Michael Taunton and Jimmy Williams. Other local Balch attorneys recognized in The Best Lawyers in America include Amy Adams, Leslie Garrett Allen, Bert Amason, Conrad Anderson IV, Stan Blanton, David Bowsher, James Bradford, Chuck Burkhart, Steven Burns, Greg Butrus, Russ Campbell, Thomas Casey, Marcus Chatterton, Foster Clark, Greg Cook, Tom DeLawrence, Allen Estes, Stephen Gidiere, Scott Grover, Kelly Gwathney, Curt Gwathney, Ed Haden, Jim Hancock, Doug Kauffman, Chris Kimble, Lyle Larson, Peter LeJeune, Debra Lewis, Frank Long, Angela Luckett, Dan McCrary, Kevin McNamee, Grady Moore, Brad Neighbors, John Pickering, Chad Pilcher, Jeremy Retherford, Alan Rogers, Mary Samuels, Monica Sargent, Bill Satterfield, Tim Segers, Sean Shirley, Pamela P. Smith, Jeff Starling, Chris Still, Steve Still, Corbitt Tate, Martha Thompson, Leonard Tillman, Jason Tompkins, Tim Tracy, Andy Tunnell, Chris Yeilding and Lee Zell.

• **Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP** Partner Buddy Cox has been named a fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers in the field of environmental law. Cox is one of 25 new fellows selected. Bradley has also announced it is now one of more than 180 large law firms participating in the **Mansfield Rule 6.0** certification process. It requires participating firms to consider at least 30% historically underrepresented lawyers for leadership roles and equity partnership, among other kinds of advancement. Lastly the firm also had the following 17 Birmingham attorneys named *Best Lawyers* “Lawyer of the Year” in 19 practice areas: F. Wendell Allen, James F. Archibald, Julia Gruenewald Bernstein, T. Michael Brown, Kane Burnette, Michael S. Denniston, Jeffrey D. Dyess, K. Wood Herren, Charles B. Hill III, Andy Johnson, Charles Moore, Daniel F. Murphy, Charles A. Roberts, David E. Roth, Frederic L. Smith Jr., J. David Stewart III and Paul M. Sykes. The following Birmingham attorneys are recognized in *Best Lawyers* for 2023: Scott E.

Adams, Hal Albritton, F. Wendell Allen, James F. Archibald, C. Jason Avery, Marc James Ayers, James Blake Bailey, Nancy Williams Ball, David H. Bashford, Jay R. Bender, Julia Gruenewald Bernstein, Lee Birchall, Dylan C. Black, Paul P. Bolus, Axel Bolvig III, Lindsey C. Boney, T. Michael Brown, Kane Burnette, Jason R. Bushby, Beau Byrd, Jennifer Hoover Clark, Chandler Combest, Keith Covington, Stewart M. Cox, William S. “Buddy” Cox III, Ty E. Dedmon, R. Alan Deer, Tiffany J. deGruy, Michael S. Denniston, Jeffrey D. Dyess, Hallman B. Eady, Bruce P. Ely, Daniel J. Fortune, Graham W. Gerhardt, N. Chris Glenos, Glenn E. Glover, John E. Goodman, John Mark Goodman, Ginger Carroll Gray, T. Parker Griffin, Jr., Christopher R. Grissom, John W. Hargrove, C. Meade Hartfield, Judd A. Harwood, Tripp Haston, K. Wood Herren, Charles B. Hill III, Rudy Hill, William L. Hinds Jr., Stephen Hinton, Leigh Anne Hodge, Holly S. Hosford, Gary L. Howard, David G. Hymer, Andy Johnson, Amandeep S. Kahlon, S. Roderick Kanter, Joel M. Kuehnert, Harold B. Kushner, Bradley W. Lard, Alex B. Leath, Matthew H. Lembke, Jack B. Levy, James E. Long Jr., Robert Maddox, Zachary A. Madonia, Stuart M. Maxey, Justin T. McDonald, Jennifer J. McGahey, T. Matthew Miller, Richard H. Monk III, Stephen R. Monk, Cathleen C. Moore, Charles Moore, Jamie L. Moore, Daniel F. Murphy, D. Brian O’Dell, David W. Owen, Virginia C. Patterson, Michael R. Pennington, J. David Pugh, J. Thomas Richie, Charles A. Roberts, T. Atkins Roberts, Jr., Brad Robertson, Laura Schiele Robinson, J. Andrew Robison, E. Mabry Rogers, David E. Roth, Walter J. Sears III, Anne Marie Seibel, Jack W. Selden, Dawn Helms Sharff, Edward S. Sledge IV, Frederic L. Smith Jr., J. David Stewart III, Paul M. Sykes, William Thistle, Michael A. Thomason Jr., Tracy M. Thompson, Ethan T. Tidmore,, Brian Alexander Wahl, Michael F. Walker, Jason A. Walters, R. Thomas Warburton, Laura P. Washburn, James L. Webb, James W. Wright, Jr. Ralph H. Yeilding and Anne R. Yuengert. The following Birmingham attorneys are listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* for 2023: J. Mark Adams Jr., Alexander Ash, Anne

Knox Averitt, Stanley E. Blackmon, Hillary Campbell, R. Aaron Chastain, Anna Craft, J. Daniel Feltham Jr., Lee Gilley, Jake M. Gipson, Abigail Harris, Kate R. Hawley,Carolyn Jones Hess, Evelyn Hill, Matthew A. Hinshaw, J. Riley Key, Jonathan R. Kolodziej, Carly Miller, Thomas L. Oliver III, Ryan P. Robichaux, J. Christopher Selman and Butler Sparks.

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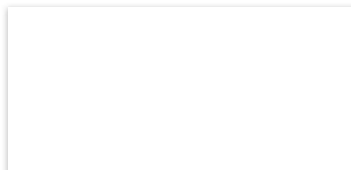
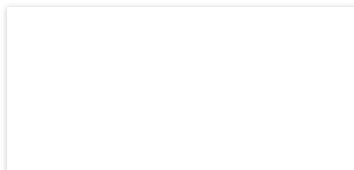
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