

ARKANSAS

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Friday Eldredge & Clark

Mitchell Williams Selig Gates & Woodyard

Quattlebaum Grooms Tull & Burrow

Williams & Anderson

Wright Lindsey & Jennings

Recommended

Everett Law Firm

Rose Law Firm

Local litigation stars

Philip Anderson

Williams & Anderson
Appellate, Complex Commercial Litigation

Sherry Bartley

Mitchell Williams Selig Gates Woodyard
Commercial Litigation

R. T. Beard III

Mitchell Williams Selig Gates Woodyard
Civil Litigation, Insurance, Medical Malpractice

Kevin Crass

Friday Eldredge & Clark
Class Actions, Products Liability

Richard Donovan

Rose Law Firm
General Commercial Litigation

John Everett

Everett Law Firm
Commercial Litigation

Garland Garrett

Rose Law Firm
Commercial Litigation

William Griffin

Friday Eldredge & Clark
Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Medical
Malpractice, Products Liability

Philip Kaplan

Williams & Anderson
Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation

Edwin Lowther Jr.

Wright Lindsey & Jennings
Employment Litigation, Medical Malpractice, Product
Liability

Steven Quattlebaum

Quattlebaum Grooms Tull & Burrow
Complex Commercial Litigation, Employment
Litigation, Environmental Litigation, Products
Liability

Gordon Rather

Wright Lindsey & Jennings
Complex Commercial Litigation

Thomas Streetman

Streetmen & Meeks
Bankruptcy, Commercial Litigation

Kimberly Wood Tucker

Wright Lindsey & Jennings
Bankruptcy, Class Actions, Employment Litigation

John Tull III

Quattlebaum Grooms Tull & Burrow
Complex Commercial Litigation, Products Liability

William Waddell Jr.

Friday Eldredge & Clark
Class Actions, Commercial Litigation

Kyle Wilson

Wright Lindsey & Jennings
Personal Injury, Products Liability

Future stars

Michelle Kaemmerling
Wright Lindsey & Jennings

Paul Morris
Wright Lindsey & Jennings

Michael Muskheli
Williams & Anderson

Kathryn Perkins
Rose Law Firm

J. Andrew Vines
Wright Lindsey & Jennings



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Litigators believe that many of these suits are due to the 2008-2009 financial crisis and actions have been brought against several multi-national corporations headquartered in the northwest region including Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods, and J.B. Hunt.

Highly Recommended firms

Friday Eldredge & Clark

Friday Eldredge & Clark, which traces its roots back to 1871, focuses on business litigation, employment law, health care litigation and medical malpractice claims. The firm is the largest in Arkansas and attributes its success and high productivity to an efficient document management software system.

William Griffin primarily handles defense work with respect to medical malpractice and products liability claims. He has represented clients including Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and the U.S. Repeating Arms Company.

Described as “a very adept trial attorney” by a competitor, **William Waddell** has a thriving business litigation and church law practice. He serves as chair of the Legal Services Counsel of the Arkansas Bar Association. **Kevin Crass** heads the class action and business litigation group at the firm. He has represented Tyson Foods and Ernst & Young.

Mitchell Williams Selig Gates & Woodyard

Mitchell Williams Selig Gates & Woodyard is the second-largest firm in the state, with 68 attorneys. The firm expanded its insurance practice when its Austin, Texas branch joined with Long Burner Parks & DeLargy in late 2007. In 2008, the firm received the first ever Commitment to Diversity Award from The North Little Rock Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission.

R. T. Beard III is renowned for his work in civil litigation, insurance defense and medical malpractice. **Sherry Bartley** is also recognized for her representation of insurance companies in toxic tort and product liability claims.

Quattlebaum Grooms Tull & Burrow

Founded in 2000, Quattlebaum Grooms Tull & Burrow has established a dynamic presence in Arkansas. The firm handles cases for a wide range of entities, from Fortune 500 companies to individuals and works in a variety of practice areas including appellate, banking, commercial, employment, insurance, media and securities litigation. In addition, the firm has represented clients before major state and federal regulatory bodies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Arkansas Highway Commission. Exxon Mobile and The Lincoln Electric Company are clients.

Founding member **Steven Quattlebaum** is well-respected by peers who compliment his “professionalism and talent.” His practice

concentrates on business and products liability litigation. He recently defended a wood treatment facility in a class action suit. The suit was filed by residents claiming personal injury and property damage resulting from groundwater contamination caused by runoff from the facility. Fellow founding partner **John Tull** is a versatile litigator, working on matters involving complex commercial litigation, environmental law, products liability and First Amendment rights. Tull was instrumental in instituting a Libel Hotline for the Arkansas Press Association.

Williams & Anderson

Williams & Anderson focuses on business, employment and securities litigation. The firm was established in 1988 and its clients include Sysco Food Services and the Arkansas Department of Economic Development. The firm is notable for giving back to the community and was instrumental in the launch of a public charter school in Little Rock. The firm recently strengthened its practice with the addition of **Philip Kaplan**, a well-regarded trial lawyer with 40 years of experience. Kaplan has also argued cases before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Arkansas Supreme Court. Founding partner **Philip Anderson** enjoys a successful media law practice. Possessing a wide range of expertise, **Michael Muskheli** focuses on construction, employment, and international law.

Wright Lindsey & Jennings

For over a century, Wright Lindsey & Jennings has been regarded as a leading firm in Arkansas. With locations in Little Rock and Rogers, the firm has a broad practice with a concentration in appellate, bankruptcy, commercial litigation, employment law, products liability and professional liability. The firm prides itself on its high client retention rate and the decades of experience its litigators bring to the table. One client has said that the firm’s lawyers “are very reliable and book smart.”

Gordon Rather chairs the firm’s trial team. His practice focuses on products liability, toxic torts and complex commercial litigation. Rather is a former president of the American Board of Trial Lawyers and is a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. In 2008, Rather and partner **Judy S. Henry** defended Baptist Health in a complex antitrust action. In the case, plaintiff Little Rock Cardiology Clinic alleged that Baptist Health and Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield conspired to restrain competition for cardiology

services and related health insurance. LRCC claimed millions of dollars in actual damages. In August 2008, the United States District Court dismissed the case, holding that LRCC failed to plead a plausible relevant market, since Baptist Health did not provide cardiology services and was unable to monopolize that market. The court dismissed all of the plaintiffs’ claims with prejudice; the case is currently on appeal.

Peers cite **Edwin Lowther** as “one of the premier lawyers” in the state. His practice includes insurance, professional liability and products liability. Clients include Ford Motor Company and Sisters of Mercy Health System. **Kyle Wilson** is regarded as a star by his peers with a practice rooted in products liability and personal injury defense. Clients include Ford Motor Company, Mazda Motor Corporation and Mitsubishi Group. **Kimberly Tucker** excels in the fields of agriculture, bankruptcy and appellate work.

Andrew Vines has established himself as a rising star in the products liability and personal injury fields. He was recognized in 2008 by the Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel as an exceptional trial lawyer. In 2008 Vines, along with colleague Gary Marts, successfully argued for summary judgment on behalf of client Soundtec. A private individual sued Soundtec due to a malfunctioning hearing aid the company manufactured. Vines asserted that the plaintiff was forewarned about the deleterious effects of exposing the aid to strong magnetic fields, and the court ruled in favor of Soundtec. Another rising star is **Michelle Kaemmerling**, who a peer described as “a force to be reckoned with in the labor and employment fields.” **Paul Morris** excels in products and professional liability litigation and is renowned for his success defending medical care providers, attorneys and small and large businesses.

Recommended Firms

Everett Law Firm

Three-attorney firm Everett Law Firm continues to maintain a strong presence in northwest Arkansas. The firm primarily handles defends criminal cases and handles personal injury cases. **John Everett** has been described as “a racehorse” and a “solid trial attorney” by his peers.

Rose Law Firm

Rose Law Firm holds the distinction of being the oldest law firm west of the Mississippi river. Tracing its origins to 1820, the firm has maintained strong relationships with major companies, including Tyson Foods, Wal-Mart and Worthen Bank. The firm has a concentration in complex commercial and securities litigation and has provided its services to a wide variety of clients across the United States. **Richard Donovan** is considered a star in general business litigation. **Kathryn Perkins** is a rising star, making a name for herself in intellectual property and products liability. **Garland Garrett** is a mainstay in the Arkansas legal scene, handling various commercial litigation matters.