# ELARBEE THOMPSON

Labor, Employment and Complex Litigation Specialists



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Justin represents clients nationwide in both federal and state courts. He has been named a "Georgia Super Lawyer" by Atlanta Magazine and a "Legal Elite" by Georgia Trend Magazine. The major focus of Justin's practice is complex civil litigation, particularly business litigation, class actions, labor and employment disputes, and catastrophic and significant injury cases. He has served as lead counsel in a wide range of litigation subject areas, including RICO, products liability, shareholder derivative actions, business valuation cases, trade secrets, breach of trust or fiduciary duty matters, lost profits, consumer fraud, business torts, constitutional, civil rights, and computer fraud cases.

#### **EDUCATION**

J.D., Mercer University B.B.A., University of Georgia

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Complex Litigation Catastrophic & Significant Injury Cases Class & Collective Actions RICO & Fraud Recovery Cases Shareholder Derivative Actions Business Litigation Labor Relations Employment Litigation

#### AWARDS

Georgia Trend's *Legal Elite* Georgia Super Lawyers

#### **CIVIC & SERVICE**

U.S. Navy SEALs Fund, Outside General Counsel MS Leadership Academy, Class of 2016 UGA, Terry College of Business Board Member Mercer, YAC Board President Mercer, Alumni Board of Directors Touchdown Club of Atlanta, Board of Governors AAYP Board Member Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Will's Club

# **RECENT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

### **Complex Litigation:**

Justin has served as lead counsel in a variety of high-stakes litigation for clients, including RICO and fraud recovery cases, collective and class actions, shareholder derivative actions, purchase and sale agreements, defective industrial machinery, franchise and dealer agreements, and business valuation cases.

# **Business Litigation:**

Justin represents businesses, corporations, partnerships, companies, private equity groups, and individuals in a variety of business and commercial tort cases, including business divorce cases, Georgia Trade Secrets Act cases, commercial arbitrations, breach of fiduciary duty cases, embezzlement and conversion cases, and contract disputes.

# Catastrophic & Significant Injury Litigation:

Justin's practice includes catastrophic injuries, wrongful death, premises liability matters, and product liability actions.

# Labor & Employment Litigation:

Justin has handled arbitrations for companies all over the country. He aids with collective bargaining, labor agreements, and strikes. Justin also handles union campaign issues, including representation hearings, and elections. He has also served as lead counsel in state & federal court lawsuits involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation, restrictive covenants, wage and hour, and employment torts.