

JEFFERSON C. CALLIER
ATTORNEY AT LAW

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL VITA

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Private practice of law specializing in plaintiff's personal injury litigation with emphasis on cases involving traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, burn injury, railroad injury, Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) claims, car wrecks, tractor-trailer truck wrecks, wrongful death, and medical malpractice. Trial and appeal of civil cases.

FORMAL EDUCATION

1. Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, Mercer University, 1987.

Law Review, 1985-87; Georgia Survey Editor, 1986-1987;
Brainerd Currie Honor Society;
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society;
Moot Court Board, 1986-87;
American Jurisprudence Award;
Chairman, Student Committee for Selection of Faculty Members;
Who's Who Among American Law Students.
2. Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Mercer University, 1983.

Sigma Tau Gamma Honor Society;
Kappa Alpha Order.
3. Associate of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, Albany (Ga.) Junior College, 1982.

CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to Honorable Justice Hardy Gregory, Jr. of the Georgia Supreme Court, 1987-88.

LICENSURE

1. Admitted to practice law, State of Georgia, 1987, Member of the State Bar of Georgia.
2. Admitted to practice in all the Trial Courts of the State of Georgia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the United States District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the Georgia Supreme Court.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers

Martindale-Hubbell “AV Preeminent” Rating – highest peer review rating available

Georgia Super Lawyers, Atlanta Magazine

The National Trial Lawyers Top 100

AVVO 10.0-10.0 Superb

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

1. State Bar of Georgia, Member

General Practice and Trial Section, Past Chairperson & Board Member, 2001-----.

Editor – *Calendar Call*

Statewide Judicial Evaluations Committee, 1998-2014.

Special Master, Attorney Disciplinary Matters, 1999-----.

Judicial Procedure & Uniform Rules Committee, 2011-----.

Fair Market Practices Committee, 2012-----.

2. Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA), Vice-President, 1999-2001.
State Bar of Georgia Liaison Committee, 1999-2001
Legislative Committee, 2011----.
Collateral Source Committee, 2013---
3. Federal Bar Association (FBA), President, Middle District of GA Chapter, 1999-2000.
4. Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia.
5. Past Chairman, Litigation Committee, Younger Lawyers Section, State Bar of Georgia
6. American Association for Justice, Member
Railroad Law Section
Motor Vehicle Law Section
7. Southern Trial Lawyers Association.
8. Columbus Trial Lawyers, Association, Member.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONTINUING STUDY

Callier, Jefferson, C., "Shippers Liability," Georgia Trial Lawyer's Association Annual Trucking Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia, 1997.

_____, Author, "Standing to Sue Under Georgia's Wrongful Death Act," *Calendar Call*, State Bar of Georgia, 2002.

_____, Chairman, *Civil Litigation for Younger Lawyers Seminar*, State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Atlanta, Georgia, 1996.

_____, Lecturer, "Bottom Lines in Civil Litigation," State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, *Trial Advocacy Seminar*, Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia, 1996.

_____, Lecturer, "Direct Examination-Scripting the Show," Georgia Trial Lawyer's Association, *The Ultimate State to Finish Seminar*, Atlanta, Georgia, 1993.

_____, Lecturer, “Georgia Civil Practice,” State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Atlanta, Georgia 1993.

_____, Author, “Standing to Sue Under Georgia’s Wrongful Death Act,” *The Verdict*, Georgia Trial Lawyer’s Association, 1993.

_____, Lecturer, “Georgia Civil Practice,” State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Atlanta, Georgia 1992.

_____, Lecturer, “Proving and Defending Brain Injury Cases,” American Bar Association National Institute, Atlanta, Georgia, 1992.

_____, Lecturer, “Punitive Damages in Products Liability Cases after Tort Reform,” State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Products Liability Institute, Atlanta, Georgia, September, 1991.

_____, Lecturer, “Taking the High Risk Case to Appeal,” State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Insurance Law Institute, Amelia Island, Florida, 1991.

_____, Attendee, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, advanced training in civil trial advocacy, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, August, 1990.

_____, Lecturer, “The Structure of Georgia’s Courts,” Peoples Law School, Columbus College, Columbus, Georgia, September, 1988, sponsored by the Georgia Trial Lawyer’s Association.

REPORTED CASES

Head v. CSX Transp., Inc., 271 Ga. 670 (1999)

Brain Injury / FELA

Establishes the right of trial courts in FELA (and other) cases to correct inadequate jury awards.

Southern General Insurance Co. v. Holt, 200 Ga. App. 759 (1991)

Bad Faith

Established the important legal framework by which an insurance company can be held liable for bad faith failure to settle insurance claims within the policy limits.

Brown v. Liberty Oil, 261 Ga. 214 (1991)

Truck Wreck / Wrongful Death

For the first time in Georgia, this case gained for children the right to sue for the wrongful death of their mother, even though the father refused or failed to pursue the claim.

Home Insurance v. Wynn, 229 Ga. App. 220 (1997)

Legal Malpractice / Wrongful Death

A legal malpractice ruling which sets the guidelines an attorney must follow in distributing wrongful death settlement funds to the proper persons.

Matthews v. Douberly, 207 Ga. App. 578 (1993)

Car Wreck / Wrongful Death

Establishes a child's right to recover wrongful death damages against at-fault parties even though the other parent is substantially at fault.

Spivey v. Whiddon, 260 Ga. 502 (1990)

Medical Malpractice

Successfully challenged a one-year statute of limitations applicable to certain medical malpractice actions and upheld the traditional two year rule.

Harvey Freeman & Sons v. Stanley, 259 Ga. 233 (1989)

Negligent Hiring

An important case in the development of the tort of negligent hiring.

Central of Ga. Ry. v. Butts, No. 211 Ga. App. 619 (1993)

Railroad / FELA

An FELA case defining the role of defective locomotive parts in Locomotive Inspection Act cases.

Atlanta Comm. for the Olympic Games, Inc. v. Hawthorne, Supreme Court of Ga., 278 Ga. 116, 598 SE 2d 471 (2004)

Olympic Bombing 1996

When the bomb exploded at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the case required two successful appeals to the Georgia Supreme Court before the victims were finally granted the right to recover.

CSX Transp., Inc. v. McDowell, Court of Appeals of Ga., 294 Ga. App. 871, 670 SE 2d 543 (2008)

Railroad / FELA

An important case under Daubert, allowing a CSX employee to recover for chemical exposure from a leaking tank car.

Brown v. Columbus Doctors Hosp., Inc., 277 Ga. App. 891, 627 SE 2d 805 (2006)

Medical Malpractice / Wrongful Death

This case established standards by which jurors are chosen to guarantee parties a fair trial before impartial jurors.

Iler v. CSX Transp., 209 Ga. App. 653, 434 SE 2d 588 (1993)

FELA/Railroad

Successfully defended an FELA verdict against a challenge that the verdict was excessive.

CLIENT RESULTS

\$14,000,000.00 for a man hurt by tractor trailer/train collision (FL)

\$10,000,000.00 for a child victim of medical malpractice (GA)

\$7,500,000.00 for a man injured by delivery van while riding his motorcycle (FL)

\$4,800,000.00 for a man injured when a dump truck rear-ended him (AL)

\$4,000,000.00 for a soldier injured while operating a motorcycle (GA)

\$2,500,000.00 for a child hurt in a malpractice event. (GA)

\$2,600,000.00 for a lady injured by emergency room malpractice (GA)

\$4,500,000.00 for a lady injured by post-surgical malpractice (GA)

\$3,000,000.00 for a young woman injured by a defective product (GA)

\$6,000,000.00 for a Federal Tort Claim Act van wreck (GA)

\$4,000,000.00 for a child victim of medical malpractice (Ill.)

\$2,225,000.00 for the drowning death of a toddler (GA)

\$1,125,000.00 for a lady dying from medical malpractice (GA)

\$1,800,000.00 for a lady burned in a premises liability fire (GA)

\$1,300,000.00 for a child burned due to a defective product (GA)

\$1,800,000.00 for a lady injured in an intersection collision (GA)

\$3,000,000.00 for a lady killed at an intersection. Our client received one-half of the total (GA)

\$1,000,000.00 for a man injured on a construction site (GA)

\$900,000.00 for the death of a railroad worker on the operating table post-injury (GA)

\$800,000.00 for the death of a truck driver when the load shifted (GA)

\$800,000.00 for an elderly lady dying of medical malpractice (GA)

\$800,000.00 for a house fire caused by a defective product (GA)

\$750,000.00 for a railroad engineer with low back injury from defective window (GA)

\$750,000.00 for a railroad worker injured in a taxicab (GA)

\$740,000.00 for a railroad worker with low back injury from broken stanchion (GA)

\$640,000.00 for a young man burned on a construction site (GA)

\$700,000.00 for a railroad engineer in a confidential payment. (AL)

\$300,000.00 Alabama Verdict for a CSXT Engineer against one defendant. The railroad settled their portion separately. This may be the only FELA verdict in the State of Alabama for the year. (Alabama Reporter) (AL)

\$540,000.00 for a railroad engineer due to a defective locomotive (GA)

\$400,000.00 for a railroad worker injured at a defective crossing (AL)

\$450,000.00 for a railroad engineer injured during derailment (GA)

\$217,000.00 for a railroad engineer suffering heatstroke (GA)

\$109,000.00 for a railroad worker. (AL)

\$500,000.00 for a railroad engineer who was hurt in a car wreck. (GA)

\$475,000.00 for a medical malpractice case. (GA)

\$250,000.00 for a medical malpractice case. (GA)

\$300,000.00 for a truck driver's claim in a collision with another truck. (GA)

\$850,000.00 for an injury to an elderly pedestrian. (GA)

\$600,000.00 for the death of an elderly lady. (AL)

\$450,000.00 for an injury to a man hit while repairing a rail. (GA)

\$500,000.00 for a railroad engineer. (GA)

\$475,000.00 for a Haitian migrant worker. (FL)

\$600,000.00 for an injured railroad worker. (GA)

\$600,000.00 for a railroad engineer hit by another train. (GA)

\$850,000.00 for a railroad conductor injured by unbolted grab iron. (GA)

\$175,000.00 for a railroad conductor exposed to noxious fumes. (GA)

\$600,000.00 U.S. Army malpractice claim. (GA)

\$225,000.00 automobile collision involving defendant under the influence. (GA)

\$700,000.00 for engineer injured by remotely operated train. (AL)

\$700,000.00 for a young woman killed by a road defect

\$500,000.00 for a railroad worker injured in a train collision (GA)

\$150,000.00 U.S. Army malpractice claim. (GA)

\$305,000.00 automobile collision, broken leg. (AL)

\$800,000.00 for worker injured in a train collision (GA)

\$195,000.00 car wreck with back injury. (GA)