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Tommy Wright is a partner at Anderson Crawley & Burke. He focuses his practice on civil defense litigation throughout Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana.

Tommy regularly defends clients in personal injury, premises liability, products liability, automobile and trucking claims, professional liability matters, medical malpractice, construction defect disputes, and workers' compensation cases. His background in industrial engineering informs his analytical approach to complex cases, particularly those involving technical issues, causation analysis, and risk assessment. In addition to his litigation practice, Tommy also has experience handling in handling wills and estate planning, business organization, and contract formation and interpretation.

Tommy is a frequent speaker on topics affecting insurers and businesses, including data privacy, cybersecurity, autonomous vehicles, claims handling, and emerging liability trends. Through these presentations, Tommy works closely with clients and claims professionals to translate emerging legal and risk issues into practical strategies that address both legal exposure and operational concerns.



Practice Areas

Construction
Civil Litigation
Government Torts & Public Liability
Insurance Defense
Insurance Coverage
Subrogation
Wills & Estate Planning
Workers' Compensation

Education

Univ. of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., 2009
Mississippi State University, B.S., 2006

Bar Admissions

Mississippi, 2009
Tennessee, 2009
Louisiana, 2013

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
U.S. District Court, N.D. Mississippi
U.S. District Court, S.D. Mississippi
U.S. District Court, W.D. Tennessee

Representative Matters

- Successfully appealed Administrative Judge's ruling of compensability before the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission, resulting in reversal of Administrative Judge's ruling (2025);
- Successfully defended personally injury lawsuit through trial, resulting in a jury verdict awarding the plaintiff less than 3% of the damages sought (2023);
- Successful interlocutory appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals resulting in certification of question to Mississippi Supreme Court as to the scope of a subrogation waiver in a fire loss claim. Following Mississippi Supreme Court's ruling that a subrogation waiver operates as a blanket waiver of property damage to the extent property is covered by insurance, the Fifth Circuit reversed the district court's ruling and rendered judgment in favor of client, dismissing the complaint. – *Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co. v. Fowlkes Plumbing, LLC*, 934 F.3d 424 (5th Cir. 2019); 290 So.3d 1257 (Miss. 2020); 796 F. App'x 851 (5th Cir. 2020); *aff'd*, 850 F. App'x 213 (5th Cir. 2021).
- Obtained summary judgment for defendant in construction defect case in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Mississippi (2021)

Honors & Activities

Presentations

- 2025 CLM Annual Conference, Dallas, TX – *The Emotional Intelligence Advantage: Boosting Metrics and Building Stronger Relationships*;
- 2025 CLM Focus Conference, Nashville, TN – *Expert Witness Strategies: Navigating Retention Decisions and Testimony Preparation*;
- 2025 ClaimsXchange Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA - *The Emotional Intelligence Advantage: Boosting Metrics and Building Stronger Relationships*;
- 2024 CLM Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA – *Leave Me Out of This: Cyber Claims and Acts of War*;
- 2023 ClaimsXchange Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA – *Autonomous Vehicles and ADAS: Considerations for Claim Investigation and Defense*;
- 2022 YHC Webinar – *Privacy in the Workplace*;
- 2021 YHC Webinar – *Non-Standard Auto – Strategies for Cost Effective Defense*;
- 2021 YHC Webinar – *Autonomous Vehicles: Emerging Technology, Meet Insurance*;
- 2021 YHC & RISE Virtual Symposium - *Cyber Security, First American Title, and NYS DFS Part 500*;
- 2020 New York State Bar Association, New York City, NY – *NYS DFS Cybersecurity Enforcement Actions*;
- 2019 YHC Webinar – *Ransomware Response*