



## Evelyn Davis

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Evelyn Fletcher Davis is a Senior Partner practicing in the Atlanta office of Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP. As one of the nation's leading toxic tort and products liability defense attorneys, Evelyn has tried, managed, and settled thousands of cases in complex toxic tort litigation. She has litigated cases involving asbestos, silica, benzene and other chemicals, in addition to transportation and general products liability cases. Evelyn practices at the state, federal, and appellate court levels in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, where she has acted as local, regional, and national counsel for over forty corporations. A few of Evelyn's prominent clients include Bayer Cropscience, Inc, Central Refrigerated Service, Inc., CertainTeed Corporation, Dana Corporation, Dow Chemical Company, Flowserve Corporation (f/k/a Durametallc, Inc.), Foseco, Inc., Lockheed Martin Corporation, Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc, Union Carbide Corporation, and Zurn Industries, Inc.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### *Toxic Torts and Products Liability*

Evelyn maintains an active practice in toxic tort and products liability litigation. She defends cases involving products such as brakes and linings for automobiles, trucks, motors and cranes, gaskets in automobiles, trucks and equipment, construction materials, roofing materials, joint compounds, building wall panels and wall boards, floor tiles and sheetings, cement, sewer pipes, pipe coverings, heat transfer products, pumps and packing valves, steam and gas turbines, silica, and benzene. Her work involves examination and knowledge of the intended uses of products, operating principles, maintenance schedules and procedures, applicable regulations, and industry standards, all of which she applies to the development of aggressive defense strategies during all stages of trial.

#### *Transportation*

Evelyn defends national trucking companies against personal injury and property damage claims. She capably represents the trucking companies themselves in addition to their drivers and insurers. Furthermore, she handles cargo claims under the Carmack Amendment; her past cases involved the transportation of produce.

#### *Appellate Practice*

Evelyn actively defends environmental toxic tort cases in the trial and appellate courts in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. She is instrumental in the Florida dockets, where she leads her litigation areas in aggressive motion practice and enforcement of new legislation. She tries multiple cases in different counties and pursues and defends appellate review for her clients as necessary. See E.g., Genuine Parts Co. v. Parsons, 917 So. 2d 419 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006); Flowserve Corporation (f/k/a Durametallc, Inc.) v. Bonilla, et al., 952 So. 2d 1239 (Fla. 3d DCA 2007); Williams, et al., v. American Optical Corp., et al., 2008 Fla. App. LEXIS 12031 (Fla. 4th DCA 2008); Witkiewicz, et al v. ACandS, Inc., et al., No. 4D08-1170 (Fla. 4th DCA); American Optical Corporation, et al., v. Spiewak, et al., Nos. SC08-1616 and SC08-1640 (Fla. Sup. Ct. cases consolidated 2008); and American Optical Corporation, et al., v. Williams, et al., Nos. SC08-1617 and SC08-1639 (Fla. Sup. Ct. cases consolidated 2008).

### PRACTICE AREAS

Toxic Tort and  
Environmental Litigation  
Product Liability  
Transportation  
Appellate and Legal Issues  
Domestic Relations

### EDUCATION

J.D., Florida State  
University, *cum laude* (1998)

- Law Review; *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law*; *Journal of Transnational Law and Policy*

B.A., English, University of  
California, with honors  
(1994)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama  
Florida  
Georgia

### COURTS

State and Superior Courts  
of Alabama, Florida and  
Georgia

Appellate Courts of  
Alabama, Florida and  
Georgia

Supreme Courts of  
Alabama, Florida and  
Georgia

U.S. District Courts for the  
Northern, Middle and  
Southern Districts of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th  
Circuit

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (Member 2010 to present)
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (Member, 2009 to present)
- International Association of Defense Counsel (Member, 2008 to present)
- Alabama Defense Lawyer's Association (Member, 2008 to present)
- Florida Defense Lawyer's Association (Member, 2008 to present)
- National Association of Women Lawyers (Member, 2005 to present)
- Georgia Defense Lawyer's Association (Member, 2003 to present)
  - Board of Directors (2007 to present)
  - Participant, Trial Academy (1998)
- Defense Research Institute (Member, 2001 to present)
  - Chair, Women in the Courtroom Committee (2009 to present)
  - Chair, Women in the Profession Seminar (2010)
  - Chair, Asbestos Medicine Seminar (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011)
  - Board of Directors, Regional Representative for Southeast (2008 to 2011)
  - Chair, Blockbuster Speaker Committee, Annual Meeting (2008 to 2010)
  - Vice Chair, Women in the Profession Seminar (2009)
  - Marketing Chair, Women in the Profession Seminar (2008)
  - Women in the Courtroom Committee (2007 to present)
  - Diversity Committee (2007 to present)
  - Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee (2000 to present)
- State Bar of Alabama (Member, 2000 to present)
- State Bar of Florida (Member, 1999 to present)
- Atlanta Council Younger Lawyers (Member, 1998 to 2006)
  - Board of Directors (1998 to 2006)
- Atlanta Bar Association (Member, 1998 to present)
- State Bar of Georgia (Member, 1998 to present)

**HONORS**

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Georgia Super Lawyer Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2005, 2006, 2009, 2010)

Litigation Counsel of America Trial Lawyer Honorary Society, Fellow

**PRESENTATIONS**

"Ethics for the Everyday Lawyer," *Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers* (June, 2009)

"Women in the Law," *Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Annual Meeting* (June, 2009)

"New Plaintiff and Product Investigation - For the Novice, the Experienced, and In Between", *Defense Research Institute Asbestos Medicine Seminar* (2007, 2008 and 2009)

"Women in the Law", *Alabama Defense Lawyers Association* (2008)

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"In-Depth Discovery Issues", *Mealey's Benzene Litigation Conference* (2008)

"Skits and Suds", *Georgia Defense Lawyers Association*, Continuing Legal Education Seminar for Young Lawyers (2008)

"The Business of Practicing Law: The Hard Reality of What Law School Does Not Teach You About The Business of Law and Marketing", *Florida State University College of Law* (2007)

"Role of Plaintiff in Trucking Mock Trial", *Defense Research Institute* Preeminent Trial Lawyer Seminar (2007)

"Getting Down to the Nitty Gritty of a Silica Deposition", *Defense Research Institute* Silica Medicine Seminar (2006)

"The Asbestos Deposition Primer - For the Novice, the Experienced, and In Between. What Makes a Great Plaintiff's Deposition When You Take the Time To Do It Right", *Defense Research Institute* Asbestos Medicine Seminar (2006)

Quarterly presentations at *The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania*, Multi District Litigation meetings

### TRIALS

- Yves J. Lagueux, et al v. AC&S, Inc., et al.
- Lynda Daly, et al v. Arvinmeritor, et al.
- Mallia v. Bennett Auto Supply
- Clarence Bentley v. Union Carbide
- Robert W. Lustgarten and Phyllis Lustgarten v. A. W Chesterton
- The Trust Company of Virginia as Executor of the Estate of James L. Perkins, et al v. AC&S, Inc., et al.

### NEWS

- Evelyn Davis and Matt Barr Elected Fellows in the Litigation Counsel of America

### EVENTS

- Evelyn Davis to Chair the DRI's 2012 Seminar for Women Lawyers
  - Evelyn Davis Serves as Committee Chair of Seminar for Women Lawyers
  - Evelyn Davis to Chair 2010 DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar in San Diego
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