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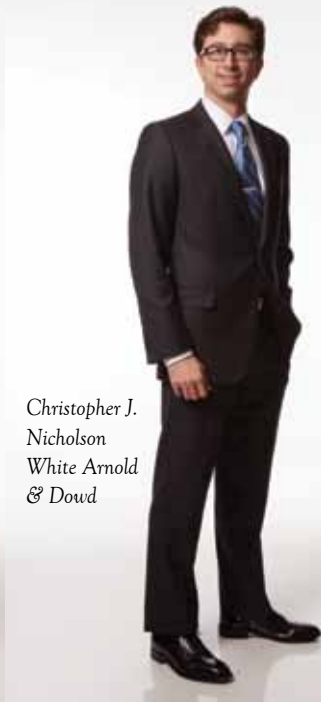
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Clayton is active in the Birmingham area and works with several local civic and charitable organizations. Most recently, Clayton was re-elected to the Over the Mountain Touchdown Club's Board of Directors and will serve the upcoming year as Vice President of the organization. He also serves as a voting member on the selection committee for the Bobby Bowden National Collegiate Coach of the Year Award which recognizes the nation's most deserving NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision head coach.

Clayton is an avid runner, helping to raise money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. As a St. Jude Runner, he will participate this April in his second 400-mile fundraising run that starts at the Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee and concludes at Battleship Park in Mobile, Alabama.

*Sara Beth DeLisle  
Carr Allison*

Sara Beth DeLisle is an associate in the Birmingham office of Carr Allison. DeLisle's practice is devoted to civil litigation with a focus on complex litigation, class actions, labor and employment, products liability, professional liability and workers' compensation.

Prior to joining Carr Allison, DeLisle served as a law clerk for the Honorable Judge Robert S. Vance Jr., a civil circuit judge in Birmingham. She earned her juris doctorate in 2010 from the University of Alabama School of Law, where she served in several leadership roles and was active on the Trial Advocacy Competition Team.

DeLisle received her undergraduate degree in Political Science and French from Wake Forest University, where she played Division I volleyball on an athletic scholarship. After graduating from Wake Forest, DeLisle worked in Washington, D.C., and Madrid, Spain.

DeLisle participates in several young professional organizations throughout Birmingham and the state of Alabama. In addition to serving on the Executive Board of the Young Lawyers Sections of the Birmingham Bar Association, she serves as a Board Member of the Birmingham International Center and as the Chairman of the Young Professionals Group of

the Birmingham International Center, which supports international economic development and intercultural education throughout Alabama.

Her hobbies include traveling, yoga, reading, enjoying good food and wine, horseback riding, and spending time with friends and loved ones. Her habits include taking her dog, Mishka-Hernani, everywhere.

*Larry Fantroy, Jr.  
Starnes Davis Florie*

Larry Fantroy is a second year associate at Starnes Davis Florie LLP. He devotes his practice to civil litigation with a focus on defending physicians and other health care providers in various medical malpractice claims. At Starnes, Larry works with some of the most experienced and skilled trial attorneys in the state of Alabama. He is also a member of the firm's recruiting committee. Larry currently serves on the Birmingham Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee, was recently nominated to become a member of the inaugural Judge James Edwin Horton Inn of Court at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, and has also served on the Junior Board of the Fresh Water Land Trust. Nationally, Larry serves on the planning committee for the Defense Research Institute's annual Diversity for Success Seminar, which is an innovative program aimed at examining how diversity can expand a firm's base and increase a firm's value to its clients. Larry is a graduate of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, Auburn University Montgomery, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Prior to attending law school, Larry was employed by the Southern Company as an electrical engineer.

*Greg W. Foster  
Hollis, Wright & Couch*

Greg Foster practices with the law firm of Hollis, Wright & Couch, P.C. He was named National Trial Lawyers Top 40 under 40 in 2012 and was recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers in 2011 and 2013. His practice areas include: personal injury, wrongful death, nursing home neglect, elder abuse, financial fraud, medical negligence, prescription errors, invasion of privacy, business torts, and damage to property.

Currently, Foster is the incoming Chair of the Emerging Leaders Caucus of the Alabama Association of Justice. The Emerging Leaders are committed to justice in the courtroom and the community. This past year they sponsored a clothing drive to benefit the Easter Seals' workforce development program.

Foster graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2007. Prior to law school Foster graduated, summa cum laude, from the University of Alabama College of Commerce and Business Administration with a major in International Finance and a minor in Spanish. He then completed a Master in Public Policy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government with a concentration in International Financial Policy.

Foster lives in Birmingham with his wife, Julie, and their daughter, Anna Bella.

*Benjamin S. Goldman  
Hand Arendall, LLC*

Ben Goldman, a partner in the law firm of Hand Arendall LLC, has represented over fifty Alabama governmental entities, including municipalities, utilities, and development boards. He presently holds appointments as the Tarrant City Attorney and Prosecutor and as the Mulga Town Attorney. Goldman's work for the Tarrant and other local municipalities has drawn praise in Alabama and internationally. In 2012, Goldman was named the top public lawyer under 40 in the U.S. and Canada by the International Municipal Lawyers Association. In addition to this personal recognition, the Alabama League of Municipalities bestowed on Tarrant its 2012 Municipal Quality of Life Award. Both awards recognized programs that Goldman developed to alleviate the effects of blight in Tarrant's neighborhoods. The success of his "Fight the Blight" campaign proves that energetic and civic-minded attorneys add value to the municipalities they represent.

In addition to his governmental work, Goldman has served as corporate counsel to local, regional, and national businesses, representing them in such matters as contract negotiations, employment issues, and collections, and he has represented and advised lenders and large creditors in bankruptcy proceedings. Currently, Goldman represents one of the largest creditors (approximately



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\$100 million exposure) in the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history, the Jefferson County, Alabama, bankruptcy.

Goldman is a member of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama and the Chair of its Board Development Committee, President of the

Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Birmingham, a member of the Board of Directors of the Birmingham Hospitality Network, a member of the Birmingham Bar Association's Grievance Committee, and a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He is married to Chrissie Hudson Gold-

man, and they have two children, Evelyn and Anne Turner.

*Maggie Lester*  
*Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose LLP*

Maggie Lester graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law and joined Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose LLP this September. She practices in the firm's Litigation and Health Care practice groups. As a member of the Health Care practice group, Lester is focused on the defense of physicians, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other specialized care institutions in cases alleging medical malpractice. Additionally, her health care practice includes matters concerning compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements and state licensure issues. Recently, Lester was part of the team that drafted an Amici Curiae brief to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals requesting a rehearing of a case that impacted current Certificate of Need law in Alabama. The team's efforts were successful in persuading the court to vacate its prior opinion, which could have had a significant impact on the state's Certificate of Need review process. Lester is also involved in Johnston Barton's Litigation practice group where she assists in general commercial litigation matters. Outside of the office, Lester is actively involved in the Birmingham Bar Association with her recent election to the executive committee for the Young Lawyers Section in December. She is also a member of the Junior Board for Court Appointed Special Advocates ("CASA"). CASA volunteers assist the courts in ensuring the well-being of children in Alabama.

*Hope S. Marshall*  
*White Arnold & Dowd*

Hope S. Marshall joined the law firm of White Arnold & Dowd P.C. in 2007. Marshall's practice focuses on criminal defense, white collar criminal defense, and general civil litigation. She represents companies and individuals in connection with criminal investigations, as well as parallel civil and criminal proceedings. She practices in municipal, state and federal courts, including appellate courts. She is a graduate of the Birmingham School of Law and received her undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Wesley College