# Graham Talley

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Graham Talley leads the firm's litigation practice group. A first-chair trial lawyer, Graham litigates and tries complex, multi-party and class action disputes for clients in the healthcare, insurance, retail and banking industries. In recent years, Graham has served as lead trial counsel more than a half dozen times, all in cases with millions of dollars at stake. His recent trial experience includes first-chair trial victories across a wide range of subject matter for clients across a wide range of industries.

## Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Professional and Medical Liability Defense
Products Liability and Mass Tort
Class Action Defense
Employment and Labor
Health Care Litigation
Appellate

## Education

University of Arkansas School of Law
J.D., summa cum laude - (2015)

University of Arkansas,
B.A., Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa - (2012)

## Bar Admissions

Arkansas

## Experience

- Served as lead appellate counsel for a state constitutional officer before the Arkansas Supreme Court in a lawsuit alleging violations of the Arkansas Whistle-Blower Act, obtaining a complete victory on appeal in a landmark decision interpreting Arkansas's sovereign-immunity doctrine.
- As lead trial counsel, obtained a directed verdict during the second week of trial on behalf of Arkansas's largest healthcare system and two affiliates in a wrongful death case involving misguided allegations of Medicare fraud and patient abuse.
- Defended a national life insurer as lead counsel against conspiracy allegations and claims under the Arkansas Trade Practices Act, securing the dismissal of the client on a preliminary motion to dismiss.
- Served as lead trial counsel in a professional liability case alleging catastrophic damages tried in state court in Phillips County, Arkansas, obtaining a total defense verdict following a week-long trial.
- As lead trial counsel, defended a hospital system in a wrongful-death trial in state court in Mississippi County, Arkansas, resulting in a defense verdict following a week-long trial.
- Represented Arkansas's largest healthcare system as lead counsel in a lawsuit involving an allegedly contaminated medical device, leading to the voluntary dismissal of the client immediately prior to decision on a pending motion for summary judgment.
- Led the expert workup of an eight-figure contract dispute for a multinational wholesale retailer, resulting in the dismissal of more than 95% of the plaintiff's claimed damages.

- Served as trial counsel in a complex, multi-party professional liability action, obtaining the dismissal with prejudice of the client on a dispositive motion on the first day of a two-week trial.
- Represented a national automobile insurer in a class action involving the adjustment of personal injury protection, or "no-fault" insurance claims, defeating the certification of a proposed class comprised of more than 1500 members.
- Defended a publicly traded pharmaceutical company in state-court proceedings arising from the use of an injectable contraceptive, resulting in a dismissal with prejudice following the entry of summary judgment in favor of the client on preemption grounds.
- Represented multiple national insurance carriers in class actions involving the adjustment of first-party, total-loss automobile claims, obtaining complete dismissal in favor of the clients on Rule 12(b)(6) motions.
- Defended national health services company in litigation involving alleged violations of state "any-willing-provider" laws, obtaining the dismissal of the client on a Rule 12(b)(6) motion.

## Professional Recognition

- Legal500 United States Southeast Elite: Commercial Disputes (2026)
- *Chambers USA:* Litigation Medical Malpractice Defense in Arkansas (2025, 2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action - Defendants (2026-2027)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2026-2027)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2022-2025)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2021-2025)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants (2021-2025)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers Rising Stars*: Civil Litigation: Defense (2022-2025)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers Rising Stars*: Personal Injury Medical Malpractice Defense (2019-2021)
- Recipient, W.A. Eldredge, Jr. Award (2024)
- High Academic Achievement Award (2015)
- Joe C. Barrett Commercial Law Award (outstanding graduating law student in business law) (2015)
- Outstanding Contribution to Law School Publications Award (2015)
- Henry M. Alexander Memorial Award (top undergraduate student in political sciences) (2011)

## Involvement

- Arkansas Bar Association
- Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel

- Chair, Mitchell Williams Litigation Practice Group
- Former Chairman, Board of Directors, Create Little Rock (2020)
- Ex-Officio Member, Board of Directors, Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce (2020)
- Planning Committee, Heifer International Urban Farm Fest (2018-2020)
- Editor-in-Chief, Arkansas Law Review (2014-2015)