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Location

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Honors



Listed as a *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® in the area of Business Litigation

Recognized in *Kentucky Super Lawyers*® as a Rising Star, 2015-2016

Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Future Litigation Star," 2015-2018

Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hot List," 2016

Education

2001 - J.D., with honors, University of North Carolina School of Law; staff of the North Carolina Law Review

1998 - B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of North Carolina at Asheville

Admissions

Kentucky

United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky

United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

Chris Brooker is a member of the Firm's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Service Team. He is lead counsel in a wide array of cases at the trial level, including contract, health care, fiduciary, constitutional, and product liability cases. He also has extensive experience as lead counsel in both state and federal appellate courts.

Representative Matters

- Represented a sitting Governor against criminal charges arising from allegedly politically motivated personnel actions. Prosecutors dismissed all charges against the Governor with prejudice.
- Lead counsel for healthcare providers in a variety of urgent litigation matters, including end-of-life cases and injunction proceedings.
- Lead counsel in several will contest and trust administration lawsuits involving multi-million dollar estates. Represents corporate fiduciaries, individuals, and charities in these cases at both the trial and appellate levels.
- Successfully defended numerous attorneys and law firms in legal malpractice actions.
- Successfully represented construction companies, engineers, and architects in a variety of actions, including breach of contract actions, construction disputes, and malpractice actions.
- Defended limestone quarry operator in lawsuits filed by the owners of the quarry premises claiming the operator's long-term leases were unconscionable and invalid. The trial court granted summary judgment dismissing all of the plaintiffs' claims and the appellate court affirmed. *Lyles, et al. v. RDP Company, et al.*, 2017 WL 3393947 (6th Cir. 2017).
- Represented state government and the Governor's office in several cases arising under the state constitution, including major constitutional law cases with over \$100 million at issue. *Beshear v. Haydon Bridge Co., Inc.*, 416 S.W.3d 280 (Ky. 2013); *Klein v. Beshear*, 439 S.W.3d 107 (Ky. 2014).
- Lead counsel for a nationwide agricultural cooperative in the successful prosecution of a lawsuit seeking a judicial declaration that the cooperative, and not its landlord, owns dozens of valuable commercial greenhouses affixed to land. *Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Inc. v. Jordan*, 440 Fed. Appx. 463 (6th Cir. 2011).
- Prosecuted a case for a construction company establishing that whenever the state government is found to have breached a contract governed by the Model Procurement Code, the state government must pay interest on the resulting award. The construction company recovered over \$490,000 in interest as a result. *University of Louisville v. RAM Engineering & Construction, Inc.*, 199 S.W.3d 746 (Ky. App. 2005).
- Defended the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association in a week long jury trial where the Plaintiff recovered less than one percent of the over \$2,000,000 in damages claimed. Successfully appealed the small award and the Plaintiff ultimately recovered nothing. *Quadrille Business Systems, Inc. v. Kentucky Cattlemen's Association*, 242 S.W.3d 359 (Ky. App. 2007).
- Represented five salespeople whose former employer brought 26 claims against them when they went to work for a competitor. The trial court granted summary judgment to the five salespeople and the appellate court affirmed. *ATCDG Distribution Group, Inc. v. Whatever It Takes Transmissions, et al.*, 402 F.3d 700 (6th Cir. 2005).

Representative Clients

- Churchill Downs Incorporated
- KentuckyOne Health
- Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Inc.
- Governor Ernie Fletcher
- RAM Engineering and Construction, Inc.
- Kentucky Cattlemen's Association

Professional Experience

- Judicial clerkship for the Honorable John C. Martin of the North Carolina Court of Appeals

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Louisville and Kentucky Bar Associations
- Associate member of the Louis D. Brandeis Inn of Court, 2003-2005

Civic Involvement

- Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana Board Member, 2014-present
- Leadership Kentucky Graduate, 2013
- Ignite Louisville Graduate, 2004