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Steven Press is a shareholder in Baker Donelson's Commercial Litigation Group.

Steven Press is a business litigator and trusted advisor to numerous publicly traded companies. He protects his clients across Baker Donelson's footprint in disputes involving breach of contract, fraud, restrictive covenants, and trade secrets. His experience expands across the state and federal courts and includes mediations and arbitrations.

He has particular experience in both the financial services and automotive industry sectors. For his financial institution clients, Steven handles loan workouts, addresses financial and covenant defaults, and assists as lender's counsel on transactions. Steven assists broker-dealer and investment advisor clients with interpleader actions, SEC investigation and enforcement proceedings, and defends broker-dealers and their employees when necessary. For his automotive clients, Steven handles government investigations, breach of warranty and fraud claims, and related litigation. Steven also is outside counsel for privately held companies and assists them with all legal needs as they arise.

Representative Matters

- Represented several Fortune 300 corporations in state and federal courts and arbitrations.
- Representing a private fund in specific performance case seeking to compel purchase and sale of an apartment complex.
- Representing a former accounting firm partner in a separation agreement dispute.
- Representing a non-profit in a suit filed by former Executive and CEO addressing wrongful termination, wage and hour law, intellectual property, and ecclesiastic privilege.
- Vacated a \$28,500,000 judgment awarded in violation of procedural due process.
- Arbitrated numerous cases for the nation's largest privately held automotive group addressing Fair Business Practices Act, fraud, and breaches of warranty.
- Successfully navigated numerous government investigations into clients' business activities and negotiated favorable resolutions.
- Received a \$1 million bench trial verdict on behalf of employee arising from an oral contract of employment and full judgment recovered.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Selected to Georgia Super Lawyers in Business Litigation (2016 – 2025)
- Selected as one of "Georgia's Legal Elite" by *Georgia Trend Magazine* (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)
- Recipient – Baker Donelson's 2021 Atlanta Office Pro Bono Award
- Member – American Bar Association, Litigation and Business Law Sections
- Member – State Bar of Georgia, General Practice Section
- Member – Atlanta Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Member – Georgia Automobile Dealers Association
- Member – National Association of Dealer Counsel
- 2008 TIPS/ABOTA National Trial Academy

Publications

- "Restrictive Covenant Update," *Insights Law* (March-April 2011)



Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1997
- State University of New York, Binghamton, B.S., 1994



Admissions

- Georgia, 1997
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- Georgia Supreme Court
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit