



Kordell Caldwell

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Kordell Caldwell practices across various practice areas with a particular focus on intellectual property and copyright litigation, business/commercial litigation, and complex torts.

Mr. Caldwell is an associate in Baker Donelson's New Orleans office and a member of the Advocacy Department. He assists clients throughout Louisiana's state and federal courts in various industries, including hospitality, sports and entertainment, technology, logistics, and retail.

Mr. Caldwell advises clients on trademark and copyright issues, complex torts, products liability, and bet-the-company litigations. His trial experience includes successfully arguing on behalf of nationally recognized companies in multimillion-dollar matters.

Additionally, Mr. Caldwell assists clients in contracts litigation, including matters involving allegations of financial impropriety, contractual disputes, and bank and wire fraud.

Representative Matters

- Advised a biotech client on issues regarding protection of intellectual property, enforcement of digital contracts, and validating online transactions.
- Successfully petitioned on behalf of a tech client for the removal of websites misappropriating a website domain and imitating the client's brand.
- Successfully argued copyright ownership of film footage and resolved contractual disputes over filming disruptions without payment on behalf of a production company.
- Represented and advised a prominent health and wellness club in negotiating sponsorship and intellectual property contracts.
- Successfully argued for and obtained dismissal of claims on behalf of a nation retail chain in a large scale multi-district litigation.
- Deposed expert witnesses and made appearances in federal court on behalf of a national retail chain in a consumer products case with four multi-national corporation defendants.
- Successfully presented oral arguments on behalf of a technology company in multimillion-dollar vehicular accident case.
- Successfully argued against a protective order in copyright case, leading to the CEO of a large multimedia conglomerate being required to sit for deposition.
- Advised a client regarding specific updates to Virgin Islands jurisprudence on contributory negligence and contribution to judgments.
- Successfully obtained a judgment in favor of an aviation company asserting breach of contract claims.
- Settled a dog bite case on behalf of the defendant for less than 10 percent of the plaintiff's exhibited damages despite Louisiana's principle of strict liability for dog owners.
- Successfully overturned a default judgment on a contractual dispute for a national restaurant chain and settled claims for a fraction of the initial award.
- Performed examinations of a defendant in federal court for bank and wire fraud and successfully exposed attempts to conceal financial documents, leading to the arrest of the defendant.
- Successfully argued for and obtained dismissal of all claims against a national loan servicing company in federal court.

- Successfully presented oral arguments against dismissal of claims on behalf of a national servicing agent.
- Settled distribution of funds claims on behalf of a claimant bank for above value of claim.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Selected to Louisiana Rising Stars in Business Litigation (2025, 2026)
- Member – American Bar Association
 - Member of the Forum on Sports and Entertainment Law
- Member – DRI: Association of Lawyers Defending Business
- Member – Louisiana Bar Foundation
- Member – Louisiana State Bar Association
- Member – Federal Bar Association



Speaking Engagements

- "A House of Cards: The Unsustainable Business Model of College Athletics," Louisiana State Bar Association Sports & Entertainment Law CLE Seminar (April 2026)
- Panelist – "NIL and the Future of College Sports: Litigation, Legislation, and Institutional Control," Loyola Law NIL Symposium (March 2026)
- "A *House* Divided: A Current Look at the NIL Landscape in College Athletics," New Orleans Bar Association Procrastinator's CLE Program (December 2025)
- Panelist – "Sports Law Updates: NCAA and Amateurism – NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) Rules & Agreements," Cutting Edge Conference (August 2025)
- Panelist – "Exploring Careers in Sports Law," ABA Young Lawyers Division Conference (April 2025)
- "Rocking the House: Predicting the NCAA and the NIL Landscape following the *House v. NCAA* Hearing," GNO Martinet Legal Society's Midyear CLE Program (April 2025)
- Panelist – "The Playmakers' Summit: Legal, Business, and NIL Game Plans for Success," OMBI Group, LLC and OMBI Group Foundation's Big Game Program (February 2025)
- "An update on NIL Collectives in light of the Proposed *House v. NCAA* Settlement," Tulane Inn of Court (January 2025)
- "Evolving Landscape of College Athletics: NIL and the *House v. NCAA* Settlement," Tulane Law School's 33rd Annual CLE by the Hour (December 2024)
- "Bringing the *House* Down: How College Athletics have been Rocked by the *House v. NCAA* Litigation," New Orleans Bar Association Procrastinator's CLE Program (December 2024)
- "Protecting Your Brand: Your Brand... Your IP...," OMBI Group's Business Incubator Program (December 2024)
- "Lawyer tells us what Lil Durk is really facing following his recent arrest," Interview: Rollingout.com (October 2024)
- "XULA's Got Game," NIL Seminar (October 2024)
- "From Expression to Protection: Understanding Copyright Law," The IP Trinity: Mastering Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks, Louisiana State Bar Association Intellectual Property CLE (September 2024)
- Brand Intellectual Property Session, OMBI Group's Business Incubator Program (September 2024)
- "Did (A)I Do That?," Music and the Law, Louisiana State Bar Association Sports and Entertainment Law Conference and CLE (April 2024)
- Panelist – "Black Men in Law," SWBLSA Academic Leadership Retreat (October 2023)
- "An Update on Privilege Law in Louisiana," Here's Your Evidence: A Look into the Discovery Phase of Litigation, Louisiana State Bar Association CLE (December 2022)



Education

- Southern University Law Center, J.D., 2022, magna cum laude
- Southern University and A&M College, B.A., 2019



Admissions

- Louisiana, 2022
- U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2022
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana, 2022