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## education

The University of Alabama School of Law (J.D., 2011, *magna cum laude*)

University of Florida (B.S., Public Relations, 2008)

## admissions

Alabama

Florida

North Carolina

## affiliations

Professional

- Cumberland School of Law, Samford University – Adjunct Professor, Information Privacy and Data Protection; Consumer Financial Services Regulations, 2023-present
- Alabama Bar Association, 2011 – present
- Florida Bar Association, 2012 – present
- North Carolina Bar Association, 2016 – present
- Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham, Company Liaison (2022-23); Volunteer (2022 – present)

The first step in resolving any dispute is identifying my client's needs and objectives so that we can work together to develop the plan of attack that best fits its unique situation. There is no one-size-fits-all solution when it comes to handling legal issues, and that's why I pride myself on not only understanding the laws and regulatory landscape that affect my clients, but also on becoming an expert in their individual business operations and goals. I strive to be more than just a lawyer for my clients – I want to be their trusted business advisor, as well.

Colin Dean helps clients resolve a broad range of consumer financial services litigation and transactional matters across the country, including in Alabama, Florida, and North Carolina. He defends mortgage lenders and loan servicers, as well as other consumer lenders, loan servicers, and service providers, against individual and class action claims alleging fraud, breach of contract, and violations of consumer protection statutes. Colin also counsels in-house counsel, vice presidents of

- Birmingham Bar Association, 2011 – 2015, 2019 – 2021
- Defense Research Institute; Young Lawyers Committee Steering Committee Member (2013 – 2019); Commercial Litigation Committee (2011 – 2021); Cyber Security & Data Privacy Committee (2018 – 2021)
- Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Pro Bono Volunteer 2016 – 2018

#### Community

- United Way of Central Alabama, Young Philanthropists Society, 2023 – present
- STAIR (“Start the Adventure in Reading”) Program, Volunteer Reading Tutor, 2019 – 2022
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham, Young Advisory Board 2014-2015
- Rotaract Club of Birmingham, 2012 – 2015

compliance, and other executives through issues concerning the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Fair Housing Act (FHA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA).

Colin also guides clients through securities litigation and arbitration brought by customers, employees, and competitors. Colin represents broker-dealers, clearing houses, investment firms, registered representatives, and investment advisors in FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) arbitrations.

In addition, Colin has a vibrant compliance practice. He works with lenders, loan servicers, and other financial services providers to comply with the ever-changing federal and state regulatory landscape by helping clients develop internal policies and procedures, design training and compliance programs, and respond to the inquiries and examinations of regulators.

Before joining the firm, Colin was part of an in-house compliance team advising senior management and internal business units on contract negotiation, drafting, interpretation, and review – ensuring compliance in the reinsurance division of a national life insurance company. Prior to that, Colin spent more than a decade in private practice focusing on consumer financial services litigation and compliance.

Clients look to Colin for pragmatic and practical solutions to calm their nerves and ease their minds when it comes to litigation and regulatory compliance risk. They appreciate his clear and thorough communication to stay abreast of case developments and avoid any surprises along the way.

#### published articles

"FINRA Adopts Two New Rules Affecting Remote Work," American Bar Association Litigation Section, March 13, 2024