



## Lucas D. Bradley

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Lucas D. Bradley is a member of Bouhan Falligant LLP's litigation group and is the firm's primary appellate specialist. Lucas focuses his practice on appellate advocacy, admiralty, complex motions practice, employment defense, and tort defense. He is experienced and comfortable in Georgia's state and federal courts, both at the trial and appellate levels. His appellate briefs have secured multiple affirmances and disposed of cases in both Georgia's appellate courts and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and his trial-level briefs helped secure summary judgment in numerous cases, including an eight-figure claim involving an accident in an industrial facility. Before joining the Firm, Lucas served as a federal law clerk to the Honorable B. Avant Edenfield of the Southern District of Georgia.

Lucas has orally argued appeals, summary judgment motions, *Daubert* motions, motions for compensation pursuant to distribution of estate assets, motions to compel, and has handled numerous other hearings in Georgia's state and federal courts. He has successfully litigated multiple bench trials in Georgia's superior courts to verdict. Lucas is recognized for his expertise in civil procedure, constitutional law, and federal litigation, **and has been cited by national publications like Slate as an expert on Georgia law.** He was the first attorney in Georgia to successfully secure a hand recount under Georgia's new election regulations as part of a primary-election runoff recount, and he was part of the team that successfully represented the Biden campaign in post-election litigation in the Southern District of Georgia.

Lucas believes in using procedure, statutory, and constitutional remedies to secure every available advantage for the Firm's clients. For example, he has been published in the Mercer Law Review on the intersection of Georgia's business venue provisions and the federal Dormant Commerce Clause. That publication developed an innovative constitutional theory that affords corporate clients additional venue safeguards.

Bradley is involved in the community. He lives in Savannah with his wife, Katie, and their two children, who they are actively indoctrinating into the cult of Georgia Football. Lucas previously served on the Wilderness Southeast executive board and the Savannah Philharmonic Chorus executive board. He has received numerous awards in Savannah, including his selection for Generation NEXT and his membership in the Leadership Savannah class of 2018. Lucas

coached the St. Andrew's School mock trial team for 5 years.

Bradley received degrees from Duke University in history and political science and was the drum major of the Duke University Marching Band. After graduating from Duke in 2010, he attended the University of Georgia School of Law, where he received a merit scholarship and graduated summa cum laude. While at Georgia, he served as a submissions editor for the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law and was a member of Georgia's nationwide runner-up National Moot Court team. Lucas also was selected for membership in the Appellate Litigation Clinic, for which he briefed and argued an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

In his last year at Georgia, he received the school's prestigious William King Meadow Award, given annually to the graduate who "best exemplifies the integrity, sense of responsibility and high standards of the legal profession and who has the keen sense of humor necessary to afford a proper human perspective to the resolution of legal problems." Lucas Bradley was a teaching assistant for Property and received a CALI Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law I. He also served as a civil procedure research assistant, helping a prominent civil procedure professor develop new theories related to justiciability, standing, and mootness. He served as a pupil in the Lumpkin Inn of Court, and he is a member of the Order of the Coif and the Order of the Barristers.

## Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Malpractice & Professional Liability
- Products Liability
- Real Estate Litigation
- Transportation & Logistics
- Maritime & Admiralty
- Employment Law
- Nursing Home & Long Term Care Facilities

## Education & recognition

- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Order of the Barristers
  - William King Meadow Award
  - CALI Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law

- Merit Scholarship Recipient
  - Appellate Advocacy Clinic (briefed and argued case to Fourth Circuit)
  - Submissions Editor, Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law
  - Member, National Moot Court team (National Finalists)
  - Civil Procedure Research Assistant
- Duke University, B.A., History and Political Science, 2010
  - Best Lawyers in America 2022, "Ones to Watch" for Real Estate Law and Transportation Law
  - Best Lawyers in America 2023, "Ones to Watch"
  - Best Lawyers in America 2024, "Ones to Watch"
  - Georgia Super Lawyers - Rising Star 2018, 2022 - 2026

#### *Prior Experience*

- Law Clerk, Hon. B. Avant Edenfield (Southern District of Georgia)

## Activities & affiliations

- Member: State Bar of Georgia
- Attorney Coach, Saint Andrews School Mock Trial Team
- Member, Savannah Philharmonic Chorus Board
- Leadership Savannah, Class of 2018
- Generation NEXT 2018 Honoree
- Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2018)
- Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2022)
- Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2023)
- Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2024)

## Publications & presentations

- Georgia's Unconstitutional Business Venue Provision: A Kingdom With Impermissible Borders, MERCER LAW REVIEW, Vol. 69.
- Presentation, Admiralty and Maritime Law & Ship Arrests (Sept. 2017)

- Presentation, Recent Developments in Eleventh Circuit Maritime Law (Jan. 2017)
- Note, Regulating Weaponized Nanotechnology: How the International Criminal Court Offers a Way Forward, 41 GA. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 723 (2013).
- Interview: Effective Appellate Advocacy, University of Virginia School of Law
- Stay up to date on his recent blogs here: <https://www.georgiaappeals.net/>