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ABOUT HEATHER

Heather Blackburn is an experienced litigation defense attorney with over 20 years of proactive and tenacious advocacy for businesses, insurers, and their insureds. From pre-suit through trial and on appeal, she partners with clients in protecting their business and achieving their objectives. Through thorough and early analysis, Heather narrows the issues and pursues result-driven solutions through dispute resolution or a case-specific plan of defense.

Heather devotes her practice to defense litigation with a focus on transportation and trucking, insurance coverage, personal injury, and premises liability. She goes way above and way beyond in collaborating with her clients on targeted investigations that have a keen attention to detail and that efficiently advance their goals.

When not championing her clients, Heather enjoys fishing, kayaking across Louisiana waters, cheering on the LSU football team, and participating in yoga and Pilates.

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Premises Liability
Subrogation
Trucking

Industries

Transportation

Education

- J.D., Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, 1999
- B.A., *Êcum laude*, Government, Southeastern Louisiana University, 1996

Admissions

- Louisiana, 2000
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

Representative Matters

- Obtained dismissals and a favorable summary judgment ruling, and negotiated minimal settlements, in multiple high exposure trucking cases after participating in thorough investigations of suspected fraud, after which federal criminal convictions occurred for plaintiffs connected to those cases and similar cases involving staged accidents.
- Secured an appellate ruling that resulted in the reversal of the trial court's finding of liability in a trucking case.
- Successfully obtained summary judgments and dismissals finding no insurance coverage and/or no liability on behalf of clients.