

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **June 2005 – Present**

Carroll Bufkin, PLLC

Attorney / Managing Member

Mr. Bufkin is a commercial, product liability, and tort litigator. He has represented automobile manufacturers; building product manufacturers; industrial equipment manufacturers; tobacco, pharmaceutical, and insurance companies; commercial construction subcontractors; large law firms; and a number of small businesses and individuals. Mr. Bufkin's current and former clients include a U.S. Congressman, professional athletes, law enforcement officers, white collar criminal defendants, and prisoners alleging civil rights violations at the infamous Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Mississippi.

For the past six years, Mr. Bufkin's practice increasingly has involved mediating disputes for other attorneys. Mr. Bufkin mediates commercial and complex business disputes; wrongful death cases; and insurance, construction and contract cases, among others. He has resolved successfully a number of complex disputes involving five or more parties. Mr. Bufkin is listed on the Mississippi Supreme Court's list of approved mediators.

### **April 2002 – June 2005**

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.A.

Attorney / Shareholder

Mr. Bufkin was a shareholder at Baker Donelson, where his clients included Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, and Volkswagen of America in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

### **May 1998 – April 2002**

Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy, PLLC

Attorney / Associate

Mr. Bufkin began private practice in 1998 as a commercial litigator. As an associate, he played a prominent role representing the asbestos industry in its \$20 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

**May 1997 – May 1998**

United States District Court

Attorney / Law Clerk

Mr. Bufkin served as law clerk to the Honorable Henry T. Wingate, United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Judge Wingate was the first African American appointed to the federal bench in Mississippi history.

**May 1996 – December 1996**

United States Attorney's Office

Mr. Bufkin spent six months as intern in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi. Mr. Bufkin's first career trial was a federal tax evasion prosecution, which he tried successfully under the guidance of James B. Tucker, Chief of the Criminal Division. Mr. Tucker was at that time the longest-sitting Assistant United States Attorney in the Country.

**May 1990 – April 1993**

United States Navy

U.S. Naval Officer

Mr. Bufkin graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1990. He served in Washington D.C. in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy with duties both at the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill.

**EDUCATION**

Mississippi College School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1997

United States Naval Academy, Bachelor of Science, 1990

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Commercial Pilot with Multi-Engine, Instrument Rating

Black Belt, Taekwondo

Mississippi Supreme Court's List of Approved Mediators