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Hal Meeks defends your business: from your clients or patients who are unhappy with outcomes, competitors who seek to take your talent, employees who refuse to honor post-employment agreements, employees who assert claims of discrimination, vendors who fail to honor contractual agreements, and minority partners or investors who impede your success. Whether a business dispute, a business divorce or a business challenge, Mr. Meeks often repeats his recipe for success: "Business litigation needs to be two parts 'business' to one part 'litigation.'" Your business objectives are the foremost concern.

Mr. Meeks is a member of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department at Taylor English. He has tried well over 100 bench and jury trials and binding arbitrations in his career in substantive areas including medical malpractice defense, health care industry disputes, securities defense, construction claims and general commercial/contract disputes. He also has extensive experience representing professionals facing sanction or loss of license/privileges, representing securities firms and individual brokers, and representing all industries faced with breach of employment covenants, trade secret violations, and other white-collar employment disputes. Mr. Meeks is a frequent speaker at legal seminars sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia.

Mr. Meeks is a Waycross native who has practiced law in Atlanta since 1979. He was a partner at a business law firm until 1989, when he left to form his own firm, where he practiced for 23 years.

Mr. Meeks has served on the Board of Directors of the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children Inc. since 1996, served as President from 2001 to 2008, and as Chairman of the Board from 2005 to 2012. BTFC merged with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation in 2014. Mr. Meeks also has held several positions of responsibility at Northside Drive Baptist Church,
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including deacon, president of the adult choir and Callaway Cup Tournament Chair. He is married and has two adult children. In his free time, he plays golf, guitar and piano.

MEMBERSHIPS

Atlanta Bar Association
The Defense Research Institute
The Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
Old War Horse Lawyers Club

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Northside Drive Baptist Church, Deacon, Choir President, and Callaway Cup Chair

Brain Tumor Foundation for Children (now known as the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation), Board Member, President, and Chairman of Board during 1997-2012

EXPERIENCE

Appellate Victory for Medical Center, Navicent Health in Business Dispute. The Court of Appeals reversed the denial of summary judgment below and granted judgment to the hospital in a contract dispute over whether Plaintiff held an enforceable option to lease a downtown building. The Court agreed that the option was lost years earlier when the corporate owner of the option was dissolved and did not timely reinstate its corporate status.

Jones v. The Medical Center of Central Georgia. Summary judgment obtained for building owner in a premises liability case involving elevators; decision affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

SunTrust Investment Services v. Wachovia Securities. $5.1 million dollar punitive damage award, plus damages and attorney’s fees, obtained in arbitration of tortious interference claims by SunTrust Investment Services against securities firm that hired employees subject to covenants not to solicit.

SunTrust Investment Services v. Owenby Jones. Injunction obtained against employees who were subject to covenants not to solicit. Affirmed by FINRA arbitration panel. Confidential settlement before hearing on
damages.

**Smith, et al. v. Forstmann Woolens Manufacturing.** Dissenting shareholders action arising from a reverse stock split. Valuation of company was primary issue. Seven figure settlement achieved after two weeks of trial in Federal District Court.

**Heavens Landing v. (undisclosed engineering firm).** More than $1 million recovery for remedial action against engineering firm on behalf of owner of airplane hangars built to faulty design and without proper subsurface testing.

**Barton, et. al. v. Peterson Wealth Management.** Recovery of more than $2 million for limited partners against general partner for breach of fiduciary duty in the handling of partnership investments. General partner removed from management of the partnership.

**Thomas v. Medical Center of Central Georgia.** Court of Appeals decision limiting assertion of new claims against defendant health care provider as principal, based on the conduct of agents who were not sued within the time permitted by the statute of limitations.

**Crump v. Medical Center of Central Georgia, et al.** Defense verdict for hospital and physicians who failed to diagnose mesenteric ischemia in 58-year-old female who returned to emergency room multiple times.

**Todd v. Physicians and Surgeons Community Hospital.** Appellate decision affirming hospital’s right to change criteria for the granting of staff privileges.

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"Swear Like a Pro: The Dos and Don'ts of Giving a Medical Malpractice Deposition," Pediatric Grand Rounds, Macon, Ga., November 20, 2015

"The Seven Deadly Sins of Lien Claimants," Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, May 17, 2013

"Avoiding Your Day in Court," Prevention of Medical Malpractice Claims, the Family Medicine Residency Program, Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, Ga., July 22, 2011


"Avoiding Your Day in Court," Prevention of Medical Malpractice Claims, Grady Health System Clinic, March 29, 2011


"Thomas v. MCCG; The Decision and Its Implications," 23rd Annual Medical Malpractice Institute, December 1, 2007
"Statutory Requirements for Claiming and Perfecting a Construction Lien," ICLE Seminar, May 18, 2007
"Perfecting the Construction Lien; Construction, Mechanics' & Materialmen's Liens," ICLE, May 19, 2006
"Protecting the Owner in a Lien Dispute; Construction, Mechanics' & Materialmen's Liens," ICLE, May 6, 2005
"Construction, Mechanics' & Materialmen's Liens," ICLE, May 2, 2004
"Liens on Tenant Improvements; Construction Mechanics' & Materialmen's Liens," ICLE, May 22, 2003
"Lien Rights in Georgia," ICLE Lien Seminar, May 23, 2002
"Subcontractor/Materialmen Lien Law," Atlanta Bar CLE, March 2, 1997
"Fiduciary Responsibility: Some Basic Principles; Business Torts," ICLE, November 2, 1989

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