

Alabama's Judicial Circuits: Workers' Compensation



Structure

There are 67 counties in Alabama, which are divided into 41 judicial circuits.

Filing Suit

Alabama is judicial (not administrative). Either party may file a verified complaint in the circuit court of the county that would have jurisdiction of an action between the parties arising out of tort. Ala. Code § 25-5-88.

Venue

Venue is proper in the county where (1) the claimed injury occurred or (2) where the employee resides (if the employer does business there).

Key for Alabama's Judicial Circuits with Workers' Compensation Causes of Action*

Red: Leans Employee

Yellow: Moderate

Green: Leans Employer

*Note: Cases are always fact specific. The attached map is meant as a general guide based on past experience only and not meant to predict future outcomes or provide legal advice as to specific cases. Workers' compensation cases in Alabama are generally tried judge alone, and individual judges may or may not be consistent with the leanings identified in this map, due to various factors such as retirements, elections, assignment of cases, the facts of each case or other intangible factors.

Legal advice is recommended as to the specifics of any workers' compensation case, the probable venue, the merits and available defenses with a given case.

Every case is different. For further questions, please contact:

Carl "Trey" K. Dowdey	205.314.2409	trey.dowdey@swiftcurrie.com
Amanda C. Goozée	205.314.2402	amanda.goozee@swiftcurrie.com

Disclaimer: No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers. This information is distributed for information purposes only and is not to be construed as having the effect of law or regulation or for the provision of legal advice or services.