



Jere F. White Jr. will long be recognized as one of the most outstanding lawyers in the country. More importantly, he will be remembered as a great person, friend and mentor. A graduate of the University of Georgia and Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, Jere was a founding member of Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC in Birmingham. Jere held himself and others to the highest standard of the practice of law. A third-generation lawyer, he was truly a lawyer's lawyer. He cherished his relationships with the Bench and lawyers on both sides of the Bar. Jere balanced his success as a lawyer with an even stronger devotion to his faith, family, friends and community. Prior to his death on October 3, 2011, Jere and his wife, Lyda, established the Jere F. White Jr. Fellows Program at Cumberland. The Fellows Program seeks to recruit not only outstanding students with strong academic credentials, but also a history of leadership and commitment to service, thereby promoting the development of lawyers who share the ideals that were so important to Jere.



Chilton Davis Varner is recognized as one of the best trial lawyers in the country. For over 30 years, she has defended corporations in product liability, business torts, contract and other commercial disputes. Her courtroom presence is a combination of keen intellect, preparation, grace and sincerity. She is the senior partner in King & Spalding's product liability practice that was selected by *The American Lawyer* in January 2012 as one of the top three product liability practices in the nation and by *ChambersUSA* each year since 2005 as one of the best in the country. In 2012, *Benchmark* honored Varner as Georgia's Litigator of the Year and in 2013 and 2014, as one of the top ten women litigators nationally. She was selected by *Chambers* as a national finalist for Woman Litigator of the Year in 2012. *Law360* recognized Varner twice in 2011-12, first, as one of ten "MVPs" in product liability, and second, as one of the top 15 women litigators in the country. In 2012, BTI Consulting Group recognized Varner as one of only three lawyers in the country providing the most outstanding client service, based on a survey of corporate counsel at large and Fortune 1000 companies. In 2018, *Chambers* describes her as one of the top five trial lawyers in the country.

She was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist in 2004 and reappointed by Chief Justice Roberts in 2007 to the Federal Civil Rules Advisory Committee, where she participated in the committee's drafting of amendments governing electronic discovery and changes to the Rules governing summary judgment, expert discovery, and information-gathering from third parties and corporate executives. Varner completed her 2012-13 term as President of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She is currently the President of the United States Supreme Court History Society. Varner maintains an active nationwide practice while finding time to volunteer for many professional and civic projects.

Varner graduated from Smith College and Emory University School of Law. Her husband, Morgan, is a graduate of Duke and a successful Atlanta lawyer. They have a daughter, Ashley Varner, who lives in Atlanta.

The Alabama Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers are pleased to be a co-sponsor with Samford University's Cumberland School of Law for the Jere F. White Jr. Trial Advocacy Institute. We are proud that Jere, a Cumberland alumnus, was a member of our group.

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7:45 A.M. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:25 A.M. WELCOME
Robert P. MacKenzie III

DRAWING FOR 2018 IRON BOWL TICKETS*

MORNING SESSION MODERATOR
James L. Gewin

8:30 A.M. VOIR DIRE

Plaintiff Perspective *Defendant Perspective*
George W. (Skip) Finkbohner III Michael L. Bell

9:30 A.M. OPENING STATEMENT

Plaintiff Perspective *Defendant Perspective*
D. Leon Ashford Edward R. Jackson

10:30 A.M. REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:45 A.M. DRAWING FOR HIGHLAND'S BAR AND GRILL GIFT CERTIFICATE*

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN TIMES OF PARTISAN POLITICS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Moderator: Anthony A. Joseph Richard H. (Rick) Deane Jr.

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11:45 A.M. THE JERE F. WHITE JR. FELLOWS PROGRAM AND TRIBUTE TO JERE F. WHITE JR.

Samuel H. Franklin Dean Henry C. (Corky) Strickland

12:10 P.M. LUNCHEON | INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Invocation: Warren Lightfoot *Introduction:* Richard S. Jaffe

Speaker: Chilton Davis Varner

1:15 P.M. NETWORKING BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION MODERATOR
Kevin L. Butler

1:30 P.M. DRAWING FOR HARRISON LIMITED CUSTOM SUIT*

WHAT JUDGES WANT FROM COURTROOM LAWYERS (AND WHY IT CAN'T ALWAYS BE DONE)

Moderator: Gaynor St. John Hon. Marc T. Treadwell

Hon. R. Bernard Harwood Jr. Robert D. (Bobby) Segall

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2:30 P.M. REFRESHMENT BREAK

2:45 P.M. DRAWING FOR GUS MAYER GIFT CERTIFICATE*

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Plaintiff Perspective *Defendant Perspective*
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3:45 P.M. CLOSING ARGUMENTS

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