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Alex, a former insurance defense lawyer, joined the Yarborough Applegate team in October 2021 to shift her focus to representing people who have been injured due to the negligence of others. Alex was part of the trial team that obtained a \$44.6 million jury verdict against Amazon.com, Inc., including \$30 million in punitive damages against the e-commerce giant. This was the first ever case to hold Amazon vicariously liable under an agency theory for the negligent acts of its delivery associates. In addition to the landmark verdict against Amazon, Alex was recently part of the Yarborough Applegate team that secured a \$16 million settlement for the parents of a six-month-old who died after being improperly placed on his side for a nap at daycare. The settlement is believed to be the largest in an infant wrongful death case in South Carolina. Since joining Yarborough Applegate, Alex has helped obtain more than \$100 million in verdicts and settlements for her clients.

Alex, a native of Orangeburg, South Carolina, graduated from the University of South Carolina Honors College with a degree in broadcast journalism. She worked for several years before law school as a news producer, investigative reporter, and anchor. Her work spanned the Southeast and earned several Emmy nominations and state awards for outstanding coverage. A few years into her journalism career, Alex enrolled part-time in law school. She graduated from Charleston School of Law a few years later and began her legal career clerking for a circuit court judge in Charleston.

Alex is licensed in state and federal courts in both South Carolina and North Carolina. She is a member of the Charleston County Bar Association, South Carolina Association of Justice, American Association for Justice, and Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys.