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Morgan Adams is the founding partner of the Law Offices of Morgan Adams. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Association, having secured many million and multimillion dollar recoveries for clients. In 2012 he received the largest punitive damages verdict against a drunk driver in the history of Tennessee, with a total verdict of \$9.25 Million Dollars. That year he also became the first lawyer in the history of the American Association for Justice's Trucking Litigation Group to receive its Lifetime Achievement Award. He retired after 22.5 years from the United States Marine Corps (Reserve) in 2006. He is a Leaders Forum member of the American Association for Justice.

Morgan has been certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate (Certification in Tennessee and Georgia) and has been repeatedly selected as one of the top one hundred plaintiffs' lawyers in Tennessee by The National Trial Lawyers Association. He has also been repeatedly selected as a MidSouth SuperLawyer (limited to the top 5% of lawyers in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee) and listed in the "Top 100 Lawyers in Tennessee" in the 2014 publication. Morgan is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell (highest rating, "preeminent").

Typical cases involve tractor trailer, truck, bus, railroad and other commercial motor vehicle wrecks. Typical injuries involve wrongful death, traumatic brain (TBI) and spinal cord injuries. Commercial motor vehicle cases handled nationally, either directly or as a litigation or trial consultant

BACKGROUND

Staff Judge Advocate, 4th Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 14th Marines, United States Marine Corps Reserve, Bessemer, Alabama 2005- Aug 2006. Retired Aug 1, 2006.

Staff Judge Advocate, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, Bessemer, Alabama 2001- 2005.

Officer In Charge - Peacetime Wartime Support Team, "M" Battery, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines 1999- February 2001.

Founder, The Law offices of Morgan Adams, 1997

Commanding Officer, Headquarter Battery, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, September 1997 to 1999.

Litigation Partner, Hatfield, VanCleave, Akers & Adams, L.L.C., Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 1995 to August 1997. Responsible for the firm's civil litigation and arbitration in Tennessee, Georgia, and Federal Courts. Typical cases involve torts, family law, insurance defense, collections, and veterans' benefits.

Forward Observer, "M" Battery, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines.

Litigation Associate, Luther, Anderson, Cleary & Ruth, Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 1993 to June 1995. Responsible for all aspects of arbitration and civil litigation in Tennessee, Georgia, and Federal Courts. Cases involve torts, family law, construction liens, collections, fire/arson, and veterans benefits.

Chief Defense Counsel, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina, February 1992 to April 1993. Responsible for all criminal defense litigation at MCAS Beaufort. Defended cases involving narcotics, sexual abuse, conspiracy, larceny, assault, battery, sexual harassment, and fraud.

Legal Assistance Attorney, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina, October 1991 to February 1992. Provided legal counsel, representation and instruction to Marine and Naval Personnel in such areas as: wills and estates, consumer affairs, fair debt collection practices, landlord/tenant, tax, and family law.

Foreign Claims Commission, Marine Forces Southwest Asia, Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, 1991. Granted authority to adjudicate claims against the United States Government in cases involving property, personal injury, and death.

Saudi/Kuwaiti Military Liaison Officer, Marine Forces Southwest Asia, Desert Storm/Shield, 1991.

Legal Assistance Attorney, Okinawa, Japan, 1990-1991.

Marine Corps Military Pentathlon Team, Quantico, Virginia and Fort Sam Houston,

Texas, May - September 1990. Selected for inter-service trials, *Confederation Interalliee Des Officiers de Reserve International Championships*.

EDUCATION

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, 1982-1985.

Georgia State College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, 1986-1989; Bosch-Duisberg Scholar, Germany, July 1988; Faculty Research Assistant, Business Law, 1988-1989; College of Law Senator, University Senate, 1988-1989.

American Association for Justice's Ultimate Trial Advocacy Course, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2011

MILITARY

The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia, May 1990. Six months of infantry officer training developing leadership, strategy, communication, and the ability to manage under stress.

Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island, September 1990. A two month course developing trial skills.

Tactical Air Control Party Course, Okinawa, Japan, 1991. Twelve plus controls, certified as a forward air controller.

Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island, Reserve Lawyer's Course, September 2001.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND COURTS

Georgia Bar, 1989; Tennessee Bar, 1989; All Tennessee Federal District Courts; Federal District Court, Northern District of Georgia; United States Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit; Supreme Court of the United States of America; Court of Military Appeals; United States Court of Veterans Appeals. Admitted in multiple other states and courts Pro Hac Vice.

PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

1998: Faculty, Trying the Wrongful Death Case in Tennessee: Strategies in Preparation and Valuation, National Business Institute, August 1998.

1999: Faculty, Trying the Soft Tissue Injury Case in Tennessee, National Business

Institute, February 1999; Faculty, Trying the Automobile Injury Case in Tennessee, National Business Institute, 1999.

2001: Faculty, How to Litigate Your First Civil Trial in Tennessee, National Business Institute, July 2001.

2002: The Automated Law Office, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, February 2002.

2003: Program Chair, Trial Practice Seminar, Tennessee Bar Association; The Average Weekly Wage, Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association Worker's Compensation Seminar, May 2, 2003.

2004: Advanced Workers Compensation in Tennessee, National Business Institute, January 2004; Worker's Compensation, Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, Chattanooga, December 2004.

2005: Advanced Trial Advocacy, National Business Institute, June 2005; Program Chair, Trucking Liability in Tennessee, Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, September 2005, Nashville, Tennessee; Faculty, Southeastern Motor Carrier Liability Institute, Sponsored by the Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee Trial Lawyers Associations, Atlanta, Georgia, November 10 & 11, 2005; Worker's Compensation, Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, Chattanooga, December 2005.

2006: Presented: Federal Motor Carrier Regulations in Tractor Trailer Collisions, Association of Trial Lawyers of America Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, July 2006; Faculty, Litigating Trucking Cases and presented: Understanding the Role and Planning the Cross of the Trucking Company Safety Director, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2006.

2007: Shooting Fish in a Barrel - The Truck Driver's Deposition, American Association for Justice Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, July 2007; Program Chair, Catastrophic Injuries in Tennessee Trucking Cases, Tennessee Association of Justice, October 2007, Nashville, Tennessee and presented: Federal Motor Carrier Regulations - The Trucker's Bible; Paper published in the AAJ Litigation Packet: Interstate Trucking: Regulations, Discovery and Damages, November 2007; Paper published in the AAJ Litigation Packet: Interstate Trucking: Spoliation of Evidence, November 2007; Paper published in the AAJ Litigation Packet: Interstate Trucking: Cross Examining the Trucking Company's Safety Director and Driver, December 2007.

2008: Paper published in the AAJ Litigation Packet: Taking Depositions, January 2008; Selected as the speaker for the first ever webinar sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association, Nashville, Tennessee, and presented: Handling Your First Trucking Case, May 2008; Faculty, American Association for Justice, national teleseminar, Litigating Trucking Cases, presented:

Electronic On Board Recorders, May 2008; Faculty, Association of Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, Saint Louis, Missouri, Putting the Brakes on Unsafe Trucking Companies, presented: Cross Examining the Safety Director, May/June 2008; Faculty, Kansas Association for Justice, Overland Park, Kansas, Trials & Tribulations: Client Advocacy in a 21st Century Litigation Environment presented: Rolling Computers - Trucking in the 21st Century June 2008; What Every Car Wreck Lawyer Needs to Know About a Truck Wreck Case, American Association for Justice, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2008(This presentation was turned into the feature article of the Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway, and Premises Liability Section Newsletter, Fall 2008); Essential Documents in a Trucking Case, American Association for Justice, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2008; What the Defense Doesn't Want you to Know, Association of Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2008.

2009: Deposing Trucking Safety Director's, North Carolina Advocates for Justice, March 2009; Critical Issues in Trucking Cases, PESI Absolute Litigator's Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2009; What You Don't Know Will Hurt You, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Review Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2009; Deposing the Safety Director and What Every Car Wreck Lawyer Needs to Know About a Truck Wreck Case, Injury Board Annual Seminar, Tampa, Florida, June 2009; What Every Car Wreck Lawyer Needs to Know About a Truck Wreck Case, Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, Kentucky, June 2009; Ethics in Referrals, American Association for Justice, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, July 2009; Moderator, Interstate Trucking Litigation Group Seminar, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, July 2009; Program Moderator, American Association for Justice, Advanced Litigation College - Interstate Trucking, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2009 (Course Co-Creator with Robert Collins); How to Hire a Great Truck and Bus Accident Attorney in Tennessee, www.AVVO.com.

2010: Generation "Y", Understanding the Millennial Juror, American Association For Justice, Maui, Hawaii, February 2010; Finding Gold in Your Trucking Case, Southern Trial Lawyer's Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2010; MCS-90 Update, Interstate Trucking Litigation Group, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2010; Moderator, American Association for Justice, Advanced Trucking Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2010; The Benefits of a Specialized Practice, American Association for Justice, April 2010; The Truck Autopsy Team, Boardwalk Seminar, New Jersey Association for Justice, Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 2010; Using Federal and State Regulations in Trucking Cases, American Association For Justice, AAJ Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada, July 2010; Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) 2010 and the Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP) in Trucking Litigation, American Association For Justice, Vancouver, Canada, July 2010; Effectively Handling Trucking Litigation, SeminarWeb for the New Jersey Association for Justice, National Webinar with Larry Simon as co-presenter, September 2010; MCS-90 Update, American Association for Justice, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2010; Rolling Computers: Trucking in the 21st Century - Black Boxes, VORAD, Dash-Cams, GPS, and Other Technology Impacting Your Case; American Association for Justice, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2010; What

Every Car Wreck Lawyer Needs to Know About a Truck Wreck Case and Rules of the Road in Driver Distraction and Fatigue Cases, Minnesota Association for Justice, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2010; Author of Chapter 13 “Truck Accident Litigation” in West Publishing’s Handling Motor Vehicle Cases, 2d, John Chandler, Editor.

2011: Black Box and Event Data Recorders in Trucking Cases, Tennessee Association of Justice, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2011; Author, The New Rules in Trucking Discovery, Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, February 2011; Critical Issues in Trucking Litigation, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, Boise, Idaho, February 2011; The Niche Practice (with Steven Gursten), Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, May 2011; Various Topics, Discovering Rules and Reptiles in Trucking Cases, American Association for Justice, Atlanta, Georgia, May 2011; Various Topics, Trucking Litigation Exposed, 360 Advocacy, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2011; What Every Car Wreck Lawyer Needs to Know About a Truck Wreck Case, Rhode Island Bar Association, Providence, Rhode Island, June 2011; The Advantage of Limiting Your Firm’s Practice to One Area: the Niche Practice, American Association for Justice, New York, New York, July 2011; Faculty, American Association for Justice, Advanced Trucking Litigation College, Kansas City, Missouri, October 2011; Trucking 101, New Jersey Association for Justice, Meadowlands Seminar in Newark, New Jersey, November 2011; Truck Wrecks for Car Wreck Lawyers, Wisconsin Bar Association, Madison, Wisconsin, December 2011.

2012: Author, Spoliation in Trucking Cases, Docket, Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, Winter 2012; Daubert in the Offense, American Association for Justice, Winter Convention, Phoenix, Arizona, February 2012; Elderly and Pediatric Brain Injuries, AAJ Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group Members Only Program, Miami, Florida, March 2012; Practical Demonstration, How to Use Focus Groups in Trucking Cases, American Association of Justice’s Trucking Litigation Group, Houston, Texas, April 2012. 50 Critical Trucking Litigation Tips, PI Litigators Summit, 360 Advocacy, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 2012; To Depose or Not to Depose, That is the Question, Advocacy Track, American Association For Justice, Summer Convention, Chicago, Illinois, August 2012; Author, “Negligence Per Se in Trucking Litigation,” **Truck Accident Litigation** (3rd Ed.), American Bar Association, Laura Ruhl, Editor; Defendants, Venue and Discovery in Trucking Cases, Winning Trucking Cases, 360 Advocacy, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 2012; Daubert in Personal Injury Cases, Advanced Trial Advocacy Seminar, Arizona Association for Justice, Phoenix, Arizona, October 2012

2013: The Use of Rules and Industry Standards in Trucking Cases, American Association for Justice, Winter Convention, Miami, Florida, February 2013; Investigating the Trucking Case, Florida Justice Association, Workhorse Seminar, Orlando, Florida, February 2013; 50 Truck Litigation Tips in 60 Minutes, Houston Trial Lawyers Association, Houston, Texas, April 2013; Trucking Litigation for the Careful Lawyer, Ohio Association of Justice, Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, May 2013; When a Million Isn’t Enough – Broker and Shipper Liability in Trucking Cases, Kentucky Justice Association, Big Truck Seminar, June 2013; Investigating the Case, Advocacy Track, American Association for Justice, Summer Convention, San Francisco, California, July 2013; Cross of a Truck Driver and Safety Director at Trial; Truck Litigation Group, American Association for Justice, Summer Convention, San Francisco, California, July 2013; What Every Car Wreck Lawyer Needs to Know About a Truck Wreck Case; Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Meeting, Aspen, Colorado, August 2013; Third Party Liability in

Trucking Cases, Tennessee Association for Justice, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2013; Trying Cases Out of State – Critical Issues, The TAOS Group, The Sagamore Hotel, Lake Bolton, New York, October 2013; The Records Custodian Deposition, 360 Advocacy, Las Vegas, Nevada November 2013

2014: Daubert, Biomechanical Experts, and Malingering, American Association for Justice, JazzFest, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2014; Co-Author, “Investigating the Case,” **Anatomy of a Personal Injury Lawsuit** (4th Ed.), Trial Guides; The Ultimate Motion to Compel: Getting Past Defense Boilerplate, 360 Advocacy, Chicago, IL, September 2014; Overdriving Headlights and Nighttime Commercial Motor Vehicle Collisions, 360 Advocacy, How to Win Trucking Cases, Las Vegas, NV, October 2014; Overdriving Headlights, Interstate Trucking Litigation Group, Ponte Vedra, FL, November 2014

2015: Distracted Driving and Sleep Apnea in Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers, Texas Bar Association, San Antonio, TX, November 2015.

Various other lectures and publications on legal and litigation topics.

CIVIC AND MEMBERSHIPS

President, Advantage Hunter, Hunter Museum of American Art, 1995-1996; President, Chattanooga Pachyderm Club, 1998; Vice-Chairman Hamilton County Republican Party, 1997-1999; Board Member, Memorial Business Development Council, Memorial Hospital, 1997-2001; Graduate of Leadership Chattanooga, Class of 1999; Board of Directors, North Shore Chamber of Commerce, 1999-2001; Treasurer, The Retired Officers’ Association of Chattanooga, 2001-2; President, Chattanooga Trial Lawyers Association 2002-3; Member, Board of Governors, Tennessee Association for Justice, 2002 to 2014; Tennessee Representative to the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Republican Trial Lawyer’s Caucus, 2004 to 2007; Chair, American Association for Justice, Republican Trial Lawyer’s Caucus, 2008-9; Member, Southern Trial Lawyers Association, 2004 to present; Member, The Taos Group; Life Member, Association of Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, 2007 to present; Member, National Advisory Board, Association of Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, 2007 to present; Secretary, Breast Cancer Litigation Group, American Association for Justice, 2008-9; Chair, Sole Practitioner and Small Firms Section, American Association for Justice, 2009-10; Chair, Interstate Trucking Litigation Group, American Association for Justice, 2009-10; The Justices Ray L. Brock, Jr.-Robert E. Cooper American Inn of Court, 2008 to 2013; Southern Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Governors, 2007 to date; American Association for Justice, Board of Governors, 2009-11; Chair, American Association for Justice, Sole Practitioner and Small Firms Section, 2011-2012; Treasurer, American Association for Justice, Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group, 2015-6; Member, Section and Litigation Group Coordination Committee (SLGCC), American Association for Justice, 2012 to present; Chair, Section Leaders Council (SLC), American Association for Justice, 2014 to present. Chair, American Association for Justice, Bus Litigation Group, 2015-6

HONORS

First and only lawyer in the United States to receive the American Association for Justice's Trucking Litigation Group "Lifetime Achievement" Award, July 2012. Member, The Melvin Belli Society (Invitation only), 2006 to present. See: www.BelliSociety.org; Member of the Academy of Trial Advocacy (Limited to the top 1,000 plaintiff attorneys in the United States), 2007 to present. See: www.TrialAdvocacy.org; Repeatedly selected as one of the top one hundred plaintiff's lawyers in Tennessee by The American Trial Lawyers Association. See: www.TheATLA.com; Repeatedly selected as MidSouth SuperLawyer for Plaintiff's Personal Injury (Trucking) Practice (limited to the top 5% of lawyers in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee). Top 100 Tennessee SuperLawyers 2014, See: www.SuperLawyers.com; Awarded the American Association for Justice's Wiedemann & Wysocki Award, July 2010. The award is given to lawyers "for commitment to their profession and support for improving the civil justice system;" Selected multiple years as a LawDragon 500 Finalist, limited to the top 3,000 lawyers amongst all legal areas in America. Certified as a Diplomat, American Association for Justice, 2011 (fewer than 200 lawyers in the United States had this distinction at the time of Certification). He is Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board to Trial Advocacy. In 2014 he received the AAJ Trucking Litigation Group, Education Excellence and Mentor Award, "For outstanding and tireless public service educating and assisting lawyers who represent victims of unsafe truck operators."

Morgan Adams has received multiple record trucking verdicts (many well into 8 figures) through association with other lawyers as a litigation consultant in commercial vehicle cases. In 2012 Morgan received the largest punitive damages verdict (\$9.25M) against a drunk driver in Tennessee history. The vast majority of cases our firm handles resolve, at the request of client, before trial.