

# Antwan D. Phillips, Partner



## Professional Experience

Antwan Phillips has a trial-oriented practice. His practice includes personal injury defense, premises liability, products liability, dental malpractice and trucking litigation. Phillips also represents a number of county and municipal governments on a variety of municipal law and finance issues. Phillips' more recent experience includes:

- Defense of major automobile insurance companies in personal injury actions.
- Defense of major automobile manufacturer in actions involving Arkansas Lemon Law and Magunson-Moss Warranty Act.
- Defense of trucking companies in lawsuits involving personal injury and loss of life.
- Defense of dentists in dental malpractice lawsuits involving cosmetic and endodontic dentistry.
- Representation of municipalities in municipal finance issues in acquiring bond financing for construction improvements.

## Recognition

In 2020, *Arkansas Business* named Phillips to its "40 Under 40" list of business and political leaders and, in 2013, he was included in their annual "20 in their 20s" issue. In 2017, Phillips was named to *Arkansas Business*' inaugural "Arkansas 200" as one of the 200 most influential Arkansans. *Mid-South Super Lawyers* has recognized him as a "Rising Star" in the area of Civil Litigation Defense since 2014. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Arkansas Bar Association, Pulaski County Bar Association, National Association of Bond Lawyers, Defense Research Institute (DRI) and Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel. In 2016, he was appointed Vice Chair of DRI's Young Lawyers Specialized Litigation Group. He is also a member and executive committee member of the Overton Inn of Court. In 2012, Phillips graduated as a Fellow of the American Board of Trial Advocates Trial College, after completing intensive trial training at Harvard Law School in Boston, MA.

## Practice Areas

Construction  
Insurance Defense  
Local Government & Municipal Utilities  
Municipal Finance  
Professional Liability  
Real Estate  
Trucking & Transportation  
e-Discovery Services  
Trust Litigation  
Medical Marijuana & Industrial Hemp

## Admitted to Practice

Arkansas, 2010  
United States District Court for the Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas

## Education

B.A., Bowdoin College  
J.D., UALR Bowen School of Law

## **Elected Service**

In 2020, Phillips was elected as the Position 9 At-Large City Director for the City of Little Rock, making him the City's newest Director. As an at-large member of the City Board of Directors, Phillips represents constituents across the entire city of Little Rock.

## **Community Involvement**

Phillips is an alumnus of the Arkansas Commitment program and is the past President of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arkansas Board of Directors. He is also the President of the Public Education Foundation of Little Rock and a member of the Little Rock Area Public Education Stakeholders Group as appointed by the State Board of Education. Phillips was also selected as one of the co-chairs for Think Big Little Rock, a group established by Fifty for the Future and the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, which is charged with strategizing ways to enhance life in Little Rock and the surrounding communities.

Phillips is also a regular contributor to the *Arkansas Times* on legal and education-related issues. He previously served as an adjunct professor at the Bowen School of Law, where he taught a course on Sports Law.

## **Presentations**

In the fall of 2020, Phillips served as a panelist for the Arkansas Trucking Seminar Virtual 2020: Moving Forward Together, providing insight on "Zooming to Mediation: It Really Works." In 2019, Phillips served as a panelist at the ALFA International Transportation Practice Group Seminar. The panel topic, "Looking at the World Through a Windshield," focused on drivers who have been involved in litigation. He presented this same session at the Arkansas Trucking Seminar in September 2019. Phillips also served as a co-presenter at the DRI Trucking Law Primer in the summer of 2019, discussing "Jury Selection: Picking a Jury that Will Like Your Trucking Client."