



Edwin L. Lowther, Jr.,
Of Counsel

Professional Experience

Ed Lowther has a trial-oriented practice and focuses his attention on class action and multidistrict litigation, commercial litigation, legal and medical malpractice defense, and products liability. He has served as lead trial counsel, in both state and federal courts, representing individuals and companies alike.

Lowther began his professional legal career as an associate with Wright Lindsey Jennings in 1981, and has remained with the firm throughout his legal career. He served as the firm's managing partner for 13 years, from 2004 through 2017. He has developed a reputation as an exceptional and respected litigator.

Some of Lowther's more recent experience includes:

- Trial counsel for a major agricultural company in multimillion-dollar negligence cases.
- Trial counsel for an automobile manufacturer in multiple product liability actions.
- Trial counsel for a major hospital system in malpractice actions.
- Lead counsel for both a healthcare system and a large rental company in consumer class actions.
- Counsel for an international oil and gas company in litigation resulting from a release of oil from an interstate pipeline, including multiple class actions.

Recognition

Lowther is an experienced seminar speaker on various topics including personal injury, malpractice, and product liability defense. He has served as two-term chairman of the Arkansas Supreme Court, Committee on Model Jury Instructions – Civil, which is responsible for drafting model instructions for civil litigation in the State of Arkansas.

Practice Areas

Class Action, Mass Tort and Multidistrict Litigation

Commercial Litigation & Contract Disputes

Environmental Issues & Toxic Torts

Products Liability

Professional Liability

Medical Malpractice

Admitted to Practice

Arkansas, 1981

U.S. District Court of the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

Education

B.A., Ouachita Baptist University (*cum laude*)

J.D., UALR Bowen School of Law (with honors)

His memberships include American Bar Association (Tort and Insurance Practice and Litigation Sections); Arkansas Bar Association; Pulaski County Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Board of Trial Advocates; Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel; International Association of Defense Counsel; Fellow, Arkansas Bar Foundation; American Bar Foundation, Arkansas Chapter; St. Thomas More Society; and Henry Woods Inn of Court (Master of the Bench).

Lowther is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] (1995 – 2024), including being named the Best Lawyers' "Lawyer of the Year" in Little Rock in the fields of Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants (2016) and Product Liability Litigation (2012); *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2004 – 2023); and *Mid-South Super Lawyers* (Employment & Labor 2006, Professional Liability: Defense 2007 – 2023). He was named the Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel Outstanding Defense Trial Lawyer in 2005 and, in 2010, received the James M. Moody Civility Award (ABOTA – Arkansas Chapter).