

Will Partin – Attorney Bio

Will grew up in Louisville, Alabama, and still currently resides in this small, rural Barbour County community. He graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Jones School of Law. While Will was attending law school, he worked for former Circuit Judge Bill Robertson, and later upon receiving his law degree he clerked for current Circuit Judge L. Burt Smithart.

While Will has been involved with the legal system for many years, he has worked in numerous other capacities. He has been employed with several prominent companies, many of which are still viable in the community where he and the offices of Penn & Seaborn reside. Will's extensive work experience includes: Boyd Brothers

Transportation, Inc., Price Brothers Gas Company, Inc., Southeast Wood Treating, Inc., Bonnie Plant Farm, and Keystone/Equity Group, LLC. Will's wide-ranging work experience has proven to be an asset to his work at Penn & Seaborn. The amount of familiarity with many different areas of industry coupled with Will's knowledge and understanding of agricultural and industrial equipment and machines has been very valuable to his law practice.

In his professional career with Penn & Seaborn, Will has been involved in numerous cases that include several different aspects of law. His expertise varies from personal injury, wrongful death, products liability, and criminal defense. Will is a member of the Alabama State Bar, the Alabama Association for Justice, the Third Judicial Circuit Bar Association, and he is a

graduate of Leadership Barbour Class V. Will is admitted to practice in all State Courts of Alabama, as well as the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Federal Court in Alabama. His lifetime connection to his community and his involvement with so many facets of the area are a great benefit to clients.

In his personal time Will enjoys spending time with his family, his friends, and his dog. He also enjoys hunting, spending time at the lake, and working at the farm. Will is a lifelong member of the Louisville United Methodist Church.



Will Partin

Charles Hudson – Attorney Bio

Charles lives in Montgomery, Alabama, with his wife Georgia Ann. He graduated from Troy University with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and a minor in business. Charles then went on to graduate from Jones School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. While in law school Charles worked at the Montgomery law firm of Beasley Allen, where he worked on cases concerning predatory lending, insurance bad faith, and fair labor standards act litigation. Charles joined Penn & Seaborn, bringing with him his valuable experience from Beasley Allen.

Charles' current practice is devoted to litigation with a primary focus on personal injury, consumer fraud, and criminal defense. He is especially passionate about insurance bad faith. He believes that

customers place their trust in insurance companies to keep their promise to help through difficult and stressful times. When insurance companies break their promise to stand by their customers, Charles is vehement about holding them accountable for their bad faith. He is most proud of his work representing injured children and their parents: "Since joining Penn & Seaborn, I have represented children who were victims of dog attacks, motor vehicle collisions, and other negligent behavior. I believe our firm's best moments are when we are able to reassure and comfort parents and seek justice for their children's injuries." Charles' passion and commitment to his clients along with his experience has brought a great deal to the firm.

Charles is admitted to practice in

all state courts of Alabama, as well as the Northern, Middle, and Southern districts of Federal Court in Alabama. He is a member of the Alabama State Bar, the Georgia State Bar, the America Association for Justice, and the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

In his personal time Charles enjoys spending time with family and friends. He and his wife, Georgia Ann, are active members of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama.



Charles Hudson

Ryan Stinson – Attorney Bio

Ryan grew up in Eufaula, Alabama, and attended The Lakeside School where he graduated with honors. He later graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and a minor in Political Science. Ryan continued his education at Jones School of Law in Montgomery and began his affiliation with Penn and Seaborn by working as a law clerk. He finished at the top of his class in both Health Law and Pretrial Practice, and he earned special recognition for his research and writing on the subject,

Health Law: Fraud and Abuse, before receiving his Juris Doctorate.

Ryan is now an associate at our firm, and he primarily handles criminal defense work as well as personal injury litigation. Although he resides in Montgomery, he works from all four Penn & Seaborn office locations and has become a great asset to our firm—bringing with him a new perspective that relates to a younger generation of the clients we serve.

Ryan is a member of the Young Lawyers Association as well as the Alabama State

Bar's Litigation and Health Law sections. In his personal time, Ryan enjoys fishing, golfing, and watching football. He is a member of South Point Church in Eufaula.



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Hunting Safety

Hunting in Alabama is a very popular activity that provides an estimated 5.8 million man-days of recreation per year for approximately 360,000 hunters. Hunting is one of the safest outdoor-related activities that an individual can participate in. However, there are accidents that occur during hunting season every year. These accidents can easily be avoided by being cautious and paying closer attention to safety. During a recent Alabama hunting season, there were five firearms related hunting incidents per 100,000 licensed hunters. This is an exceptional safety record that all Alabama hunters should be proud of. We should strive to eliminate, or reduce this already impressive safety record.

Common Causes of Alabama Hunting Incidents include falling from tree stands, failure to identify your target, and self-inflicted incidents. The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries recommend all hunters abide by the following basic hunter safety rules:

- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.



- Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
- Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- Wear a blaze orange cap or vest
- Use a small flashlight during dim-light conditions to identify yourself as a human being

Falls from tree stands are a leading cause of injuries for Alabama hunters. Please

abide by the following tree stand safety tips when using an elevated platform. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions prior to using an elevated platform, inspect your stand and tree prior to each use, always wear a fall restraint device anytime you are climbing, sitting, or descending from an elevated position, and always pull your gun or bow up with a pull up rope. While climbing into a stand your firearms should be unloaded, action open, and safety on.

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MAKE BLOOD PRESSURE CONTROL YOUR GOAL

This American Heart Month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Million Hearts®—a national effort to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes in the United States by 2017—are encouraging Americans to know their blood pressure, and if it's high, to make control their goal.

Uncontrolled high blood pressure is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke. In fact, more than 67 million Americans have high blood pressure. People with high blood pressure are 4 times more likely to die from a stroke and 3 times more likely to die from heart disease, compared to those with normal blood pressure.

High blood pressure often shows no signs or symptoms, which is why having your blood pressure checked regularly is important. It's easy to get your blood pressure checked. You can get screened at your doctor's office and drugstores or even check it yourself at home, using a home blood pressure monitor.

MAKE CONTROL YOUR GOAL

If you know you have high blood pressure, take these steps to help get it under control:

- Ask your doctor what your blood pressure should be. Set a goal to lower your

pressure with your doctor and talk about how you can reach your goal. Work with your health care team to make sure you meet that goal. Track your blood pressure over time. One way to do that is with a free wallet card from Million Hearts®.



- Take your blood pressure medicine as directed. Set a timer on your phone to remember to take your medicine at the same time each day. If you are having trouble taking your medicines on time or paying for your medicines, or if you are having side effects, ask your doctor for help.
- Quit smoking—and if you don't smoke, don't

start. You can find tips and resources at CDC's Smoking and Tobacco website.

- Reduce sodium intake. Most Americans consume too much sodium, which can raise blood pressure. Read about ways to reduce your sodium and visit the Million Hearts® Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Resource Center for heart-healthy, lower-sodium recipes, meal plans, and helpful articles.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN: TAKE NOTE

While heart disease doesn't discriminate, your gender, race, ethnicity, and where you live can increase your risk. African American men are at the highest risk for heart disease. About 2 in 5 African Americans have high blood pressure, but only half have it under control. A recent article in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine also showed that Americans

aged 30 to 74 who live in the Southeast—specifically, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia—are at higher risk of developing heart disease over the next 10 years than people who live in other parts of the country. Many of these states have a large African American population.

Recent Settlements



The last quarter of 2015 was very busy; it was also very beneficial to many of our clients here at Penn & Seaborn. The firm resolved various types of cases in multiple venues. Below are several of the cases of interest that were resolved this quarter.

We recently settled a car wreck that occurred in Eufaula, Alabama, in which our client was rear ended by a driver that failed to keep a proper look out. We filed a lawsuit on behalf of our client and recovered policy limits of \$100,000.00. We are currently still working for the client to recover money from the uninsured motorist coverage. The results from this case proved very beneficial to our client.

Penn & Seaborn settled another accident in Eufaula, Alabama, where a distracted driver hit our client who was operating a motorcycle. The firm obtained policy limits of \$100,000.00 from the at fault driver, and we are in the process of attempting to recover underinsured motorist coverage for our client.

The firm settled a case on behalf of a client who was involved in a motor vehicle accident in Louisville, Alabama. In this situation, the at fault driver pulled out in front of our client. After filing suit on behalf

of our client, all of the defendant's insurance money was recovered. We were also able to collect the underinsured motorist coverage and resolve the case for a total of \$37,000.00.

Penn & Seaborn filed a lawsuit in Pike County, Alabama, on behalf of a client that was injured in a restaurant in which they failed to maintain their furniture. While in the restaurant, a high top table fell over and broke our client's arm. This premises liability case resulted in a very good outcome for our client and a settlement of \$87,500.00.

The firm recently settled a Montgomery County, Alabama, car wreck where two clients were rear ended by a distracted driver. We filed a lawsuit, and the case was resolved at mediation for a total of \$25,000.00, which was a great result for the clients.

Penn & Seaborn represents a family that was injured in a car wreck in Cullman County, Alabama. Our clients were injured on the interstate by a distracted driver that failed to maintain his lane. The firm filed a lawsuit and recovered the defendant driver's insurance money in the amount of \$45,000.00, and we are presently still seeking underinsured motorist coverage on behalf of our clients.

A settlement was recently reached by Penn & Seaborn on behalf of a client in Barbour County, Alabama. A finance company sent a mobile home mover to repossess our client's home. When our client arrived, the mobile home was in the process of being moved, and the mobile home mover was attempting to transfer the wrong home. The firm filed a lawsuit, and the case resulted in a settlement of \$100,000.00 for our client.

We recently resolved a case that occurred in Henry County, Alabama, on Highway 431. Our client was severely injured when the defendant driver was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes. Fortunately, our client was wearing their seat belt. The firm recovered money from the defendant driver, our client's underinsured motorist coverage, and underinsured motorist coverage associated with a rental vehicle. The total settlement for our client was \$300,000.00.

Penn & Seaborn also resolved other car accidents in Bullock County, Alabama, Montgomery County, Alabama, Dale County, Alabama and Shelby County, Alabama in the last quarter of 2015.

Personal Injury | Products Liability



18-WHEELER ACCIDENTS

There are significant differences between handling an interstate trucking case and other car wreck cases. It is imperative to have knowledge of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, technology, business practices, insurance coverages, and to have the ability to discover written and electronic records. Expert testimony is of utmost importance. Accidents involving semi-trucks and passenger vehicles often result in serious injuries

and wrongful death. Trucking companies and their insurance companies almost always quickly send accident investigators to the scene of a truck accident to begin working to limit their liability in these situations. Our lawyers, staff and in-house accident investigators immediately begin the important task of documenting and preserving the evidence. We would like to review any case involving catastrophic injury or death.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

We continue to focus on accident cases involving automobiles, heavy equipment and consumer products. Some of these auto cases involve single-vehicle crashes, while others involve multiple-vehicle accidents. We would like to review any case involving catastrophic injury or death.

HEAVY TRUCK PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS

Tractor trailer and other heavy trucks are not required to contain many of the same protections for occupants as smaller passenger cars. They can contain dangerous defects putting the truck driver or passengers at risk of serious injury or death. These trucks many times have particularly weak roofs that crush in rollovers. The passenger compartments are often not protected by effective cab guards, and this allows loads to shift into the truck cab. We would like to review any case involving catastrophic injury or death.

Pharma and Devices

XARELTO

Lawsuits filed against Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Bayer Corp. over the blood thinner Xarelto have been consolidated in Louisiana federal court. Xarelto has been linked to serious side effects including internal bleeding, gastrointestinal bleeding, brain bleed and death. The Xarelto lawsuits come on the heels of the recent \$650 million Pradaxa settlement. Researchers linked Pradaxa, also a blood thinning medication, to more than 500 deaths. Xarelto blood thinner litigation has been consolidated before U.S. District Judge Eldon Fallon in the Eastern District of Louisiana, who presided over suits against Merck & Co. over its medication Vioxx. The Vioxx litigation resulted in a \$4.85 billion settlement in 2007.

TALCUM POWDER AND OVARIAN CANCER

As many as 2,200 cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed each year may have been caused by regular use of talcum powder. Talc is a mineral made of up various elements including magnesium, silicon and oxygen. Talc is ground to make talcum powder which is used to absorb moisture and is widely available in various products

including baby powder and adult products including body and facial powder. Talc products used regularly in the genital area increase the risk of ovarian cancer. A jury recently found consumer health care products manufacturer Johnson & Johnson knew of the cancer risks associated with its talc products but failed to warn consumers.

TRANSVAGINAL MESH

The FDA has issued an updated safety communication warning doctors and patients that the placement of surgical mesh through the vagina to treat pelvic organ prolapse may present greater risk for the patient than other options. This is also called transvaginal mesh. According to the FDA, reported complications from using the mesh include the mesh becoming exposed or protruding out of the vaginal tissue, pain, infection, organ perforation and urinary problems.

POWER MORCELLATOR

In April, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) urged doctors to stop using a medical device called a power morcellator, because studies showed the device may spread cancer. An estimated 1 in 350 women develops uterine sarcoma—a type of uterine cancer—after undergoing

a morcellator procedure. Morcellators are typically used to grind away uterine growths such as fibroid tumors, and in hysterectomies. They became popular as a less invasive surgical alternative. The FDA conducted a formal review of the devices in July and announced that its concerns with the morcellator were confirmed. During this time, Johnson & Johnson announced it would stop selling the surgical tools.

3M BAIR HUGGER

The 3M Bair Hugger is a force hot air warming blanket, used primarily to help maintain a patient's body temperature during surgery. The 3M Bair Hugger pushes warm air through a flexible hose into a blanket draped over a patient. However, warming blankets can recirculate contaminated air over a patient's body, including over an open surgical site. This may result in infections like MRSA or sepsis. In particular, patients undergoing knee or hip replacement surgery are at risk of infections deep in the joint, which is very difficult to treat. Complications from these infections include hospitalization, implant revision surgery, limited mobility, permanent disability, amputation and death.

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Myron Penn – Attorney Bio

Myron lives in Union Springs, Alabama, with his wife, Karen, and their children Maggie and Corde. He attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He then attended Cumberland School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor degree in 1998.

After serving in Governor Jim Folsom's administration as director of constituent affairs, Myron began making his mark in Birmingham as a consultant for legendary Birmingham mayor Richard Arrington, Jr. He later worked for a Birmingham law firm where he represented the Jefferson County Personnel Board and played a key role in overseeing compliance with a United States Supreme Court consent decree in the landmark case of *United States v. Jefferson County Personnel Board*. Since then, Myron has been influential in a number of multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements in cases involving but not limited to: wrongful death, personal injury, trucking and automobile accidents, products liability, and fraud.

Myron began his own political career when he returned to his home county in 2000 to successfully run for Chairman of

the Bullock County Commission. Just two years later, He was elected to the Alabama State Senate representing District 28, which includes Barbour, Bullock, Henry, Lee, Macon, and Russell counties. In his two terms from 2002-2010, Senator Penn was elected to numerous Senate Committees and served as Chairman of the following: Committee on the Judiciary, Joint Legislative Committee on Prisons, Committee on Confirmations, Committee on Tourism and Marketing, and Senate Democratic Caucus. Notably, Myron wrote the *2007 Rules of the Senate of the State of Alabama*, and his success in the Alabama Senate has proven to be most beneficial at Penn & Seaborn.

Experience and expertise in the legal and political fields helped pave the way for Myron's continued leadership, both inside and outside the courtroom. He is admitted to practice in all state courts of Alabama as well as the Northern, Middle, and Southern districts of Federal Court in Alabama. He currently serves on the State of Alabama Personnel Board, the State Employees Insurance Board, and the Bullock County Board of Equalization. He is a member of the Alabama State Bar, Alabama Association for Justice Executive Committee, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, Montgomery

Area Chamber of Commerce, Alabama Shakespeare Festival Board of Directors, and Bethel Masonic Lodge #123. He has an AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. This is the highest possible rating in both legal and ethical standards.

Myron is active in many charitable organizations, including Autism Speaks, March of Dimes, and the American Cancer Society. He also volunteers as a youth mentor and is the presenter of the Myron C. Penn Youth Award, which is sponsored each month by the Bullock County Commission in recognition of young citizens who demonstrate leadership and civic duty. Myron's advocacy for the people of Alabama earned him recognition by the *Montgomery Advertiser* as the recipient of the King Spirit Award for displaying the spirit and leadership of the late Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Myron and Karen are outdoor enthusiasts, and they enjoy spending personal time with family and friends.



Myron Penn

Shane Seaborn – Attorney Bio

Shane lives in Clayton, Alabama, with his wife, Anna Hamm Seaborn, and their three children Sloane, Slade, and Sophie. While attending Jones School of Law, Shane worked as a law clerk with attorneys Jere Beasley and Greg Allen before earning his law degree.

During the course of his career, Shane has gleaned a unique perspective by being on both sides of cases from start to finish. His ability to see a case from two different points of view has awarded him knowledge on different aspects of the legal system. His distinctive outlook has proven to be very helpful to the firm's clients.

Shane has been vital to cases ranging anywhere from 500.00 dollars to 21 million dollars. He has played a key role in numerous cases over the course of his career that have resulted in substantial verdicts and settlements for his clients. He has been involved with countless personal injury cases that have been tried and settled for

tens of millions of dollars. He is very skilled and proficient in many categories of cases including but not limited to: personal injury, wrongful death, products liability, and fraud claims.

Over his years in the legal field, Shane has been a key player in several successful state and local campaigns, both judicial and legislative. He is admitted to practice in all state courts of Alabama, as well as the Northern, Middle, and Southern districts of Federal Court in Alabama. Shane is a member of the Alabama State Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, and the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation. He served as the 2003-2004 president of the Third Judicial Bar Association, which is comprised of Barbour and Bullock Counties. Shane is also a member of the Editorial Board of *Alabama Association for Justice Journal* and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He has an AV Preeminent Rating

from Martindale-Hubbell, and he was recognized by the *Montgomery Advertiser* as one of the "Leading 40 Under 40" which served to honor young central Alabama business leaders for career success. Shane's involvement in so many different areas of the legal community has proven to be an advantage for Penn & Seaborn and the clients they represent.

In his personal time Shane enjoys spending time with family and friends. He and his family are members at Louisville Baptist Church, and they are closely involved with numerous service and charitable organizations throughout his hometown and other areas of Alabama.



Shane Seaborn