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WILLIAM A. PATTERSON (Bill) was born in Jackson, Mississippi in

1955. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree with highest honors from Mississippi State University in 1977, and his Doctor of Law from Emory University in 1980. Mr. Patterson served as Special Assistant Attorney General, 1981-83, and was Chief Legal Counsel for the Mississippi Department of Health, 1983-84. Mr. Patterson was selected to serve as a statewide mediator in a program administered by the Administrative Law Section of the Mississippi State Bar and the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission. He is currently a member of the Hinds County, the Mississippi and American Bar Associations, and the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association. Mr. Patterson's practice is one of general insurance defense in both state and federal courts, including civil rights cases, along with all matters before the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission, such as self-insured hearings and standard defense work. He was selected for the 2015 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the practice area of Workers' Compensation Law - Employers.

Current Employment Position(s):

- Shareholder

Year Joined Organization:

- 1984

Litigation Percentage:

- 100% of Practice Devoted to Litigation

Bar Admissions:

- Mississippi, 1982
- U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit, 1982
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Mississippi, 1982
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Mississippi, 1982

Education:

- Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, 1980
 - Doctor of Law
- Mississippi State University, 1977
 - Bachelor of Arts

- Honors: With Highest Honors

Professional Associations and Memberships:

- Mississippi State Bar, Administrative Law Section
 - Statewide Mediator, Program Administered
- Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission
 - Statewide Mediator, Program Administered
- Capitol Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association

Past Employment Positions:

- Mississippi Department of Health, Special Assistant Attorney General, 1981 - 1983
- Mississippi Department of Health, Chief Legal Counsel, 1983 - 1984

Recent Decisions

- Patterson Granted Summary Judgment in Chinese Drywall Case
- Bishop v. Alfa, United States District Court (June, 2011)
- Jones v. NL Industries, United States District Court, Civil Action No. 4:03cv229-M-B

Practice Areas

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Civil Rights Defense
 - General Liability
 - Insurance Policy Coverage Opinions and Disputes
 - Medical Malpractice Defense
 - Motor Vehicle Defense
 - Products Liability
 - Workers' Compensation Defense
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