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Practices

Commercial Transportation
Insurance Coverage
Manufacturer's Liability & Products Liability
Premises Liability

Industries

Insurance
Transportation
Trucking
Manufacturing
Retail & Restaurant

Bar Admissions

Louisiana
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
Tennessee

Education

J.D., Samford University, 2012
B.A. Vanderbilt University, 2009

Sloan Abernathy defends insurers, commercial transportation companies and corporate clients in litigation matters involving claims of personal injury, survival, wrongful death, property damage and premises liability, as well as coverage disputes, subrogation actions and contractual claims. In every case, he strives to personalize and tailor the defense strategy to serve the individual needs of his clients and to keep his clients at ease with the confidence they are receiving a top-tier and thorough defense.

He takes pride in his ability to present winning legal briefs and welcomes the opportunity to defend his clients in the courtroom when appropriate. He has prevailed in trial and on motions presented in jurisdictions across the state, achieving judgments of outright dismissal as well as non-dispositive rulings advantageous to his client's position in the litigation. Before entering private practice, Sloan clerked for a federal judge and served several years as a felony prosecutor.

Outside of the legal world, Sloan likes to reminisce about his days as a bass player for an 80's cover band during law school and enjoys spending time with his wife and two children.

Professional Associations

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Jefferson Parish Bar Association

Accolades

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, 2021

Representative Successes

- As lead trial attorney, obtained defense verdict at bench trial of negligence claims brought by plaintiff, in her individual capacity, and prior to trial, obtained order dismissing claims asserted by plaintiff on behalf of her four minor children on grounds of lack of procedural capacity.
Jordan v. Nat'l Liab. & Fire Ins. Co., 2nd Parish Court, Parish of Jefferson, No. 122-431
- Prevailed on exception of prescription that resulted in dismissal, with prejudice, of loss-of-consortium claims asserted against our clients by plaintiff's minor children and husband.
Kathleen Hoffman v. Fabrisse Gregoire Oyeket, et al, Orleans Parish CDC, No. 16-12665
- Granted summary judgment and dismissal of plaintiffs' injury claims against commercial

truck rental company and sugar refinery on grounds those companies could not be vicariously liable under doctrine of respondeat superior for alleged negligence of truck driver who caused underlying vehicular collision.

Nieto-Rodriguez v. Gray, 23rd JDC, No. 111,215

- Prevailed on motion to dismiss claims brought against individual owner of company for lack of personal jurisdiction and obtained order in limine precluding and limiting testimony of plaintiff's experts.
Rodgers v. Hopkins Enterprises of MS., L.L.C., E.D. of La., No. 2:17-cv-6305
- Obtained dismissal of injury claims asserted on behalf of three minor children by prevailing on exceptions of lack of procedural capacity and non-joinder of indispensable parties.
Toney v. Rojas, 24th JDC, No. 768-053
- Procured dismissal of third-party demand asserted against our clients on exception of no right of action.
Rhinehart v. Beverly Equipment Rentals & Sales, L.L.C., Orleans Parish CDC, No. 2017-658
- Granted judgment dismissing plaintiffs' injury claims for failure to comply with discovery order.
Ramirez v. Gerard, 1st Parish Court, Parish of Jefferson, No. 158-905
- Obtained dismissal of loss-of-consortium claim asserted by plaintiff's husband on grounds their marriage was not formalized until after underlying accident.
Joan Cooper Rainey, et ux v. Sylvia Reed, et al, Orleans Parish CDC, No. 2015-487
- Successfully opposed co-defendants' motion for summary judgment that, if granted, would have precluded our clients from asserting comparative fault as a defense at trial.
Roxanna Lee, et al v. Eugenie Scott, et al, Orleans Parish CDC No. 16-5889
- Successfully moved for dismissal of personal injury claims brought by plaintiff on behalf of her four minor children on grounds of lack of procedural capacity, and at trial of remaining claims brought by plaintiff in her individual capacity, obtained defense verdict as lead trial counsel for defendant driver, transportation company, and commercial auto insurer
Kendra Jordan, et al v. Nat'l Liab. & Fire Ins. Co., et al, Second Parish Court, Parish of Jefferson
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of plaintiffs' injury claims against commercial truck rental company and sugar refinery on grounds those defendants could not be vicariously liable for alleged negligence of tractor-trailer driver involved in underlying vehicular accident
Adrien Nieto-Rodriguez, et al v. John Gray, et al, 23rd JDC, Parish of Ascension
- Prevailed on exceptions of no cause of action and no right of action, resulting in dismissal of third-party demand brought against his clients
Rhinehart v. Beverly Equipment Rentals & Sales, L.L.C., Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans
- Successfully moved for dismissal of plaintiffs' claims for failure to comply with discovery order
Ramirez v. Gerard, First Parish Court, Parish of Jefferson

Presentations

- Presented two courses, titled "Recent Amendments to State and Federal Rules" and "How to Get Your Evidence Admitted (and Keep Theirs Out)," at Civil Trial: Everything You Need to Know, continuing legal education seminar hosted by National Business Institute on June 18-19, 2019
- "Amendments to State and Federal Civil Rules You Need to Know," National Business Institute (NBI) seminar Civil Trial: Everything You Need to Know, New Orleans, LA, June 18, 2019

