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Bennett graduated *summa cum laude* from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia receiving an Honors degree in Religion. He also received his Juris Doctor at the University of Alabama School of Law while serving as Senior Editor for the *Alabama Law Review*. His honors and awards include: Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Commencement Award given to a member of the graduating class distinguished for excellence of character and generous service to his fellows; Phi Beta Kappa, National honorary fraternity recognizing academic attainment, high moral character, responsible citizenship and broad intellectual curiosity; Omicron Delta Kappa, National honorary fraternity recognizing outstanding leadership, character, conduct and scholarship; Hobbie Business Ethics Scholarship, recognizing accomplishment in the study of business, economics and ethics; Omicron Delta Epsilon, National honorary fraternity recognizing outstanding performance in the study of economics; and Theta Alpha Kappa, National honorary fraternity recognizing outstanding performance in the study of religion.

Bennett taught third grade in Mississippi for two years under the Teach for America plan which is a national corps of outstanding college graduates who commit to teach in under-resourced American public schools for two years. He now serves on the Regional Advisory Board for Teach for America. He is also on the Board of Impact Alabama, The Exceptional Foundation, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He is involved with the Monday Morning Quarterback Club and is an Elder at his church. He is a Partner with Starnes Davis Florie, LLP, and his practice is exclusively devoted to civil litigation. He has represented individuals and corporations at the trial and appellate levels and works on a range of litigation matters, but his practice consists primarily of medical malpractice and general personal injury defense. He has handled pro bono matters on behalf of indigent clients in domestic cases, criminal defense and federal civil rights claims. He is the Chairman of the firm's Recruiting Committee. His Bar involvement includes the Birmingham Bar Association, Alabama Defense Lawyers Association, Defense Research Institute, and the American Bar Association.