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### **Practice Description**

Dow concentrates his practice on premises liability, railroad, insurance, casualty, complex litigation, and products liability. His railroad defense includes employee lawsuits arising under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA), involving both traumatic injuries and a variety of occupational injuries such as repetitive stresses, and asbestos and chemical exposures. His railroad practice also includes defending grade crossing accidents, derailments, and trespasser claims. He has experience handling defense assignments from insurers for a variety of matters ranging from catastrophic to less severe injuries.

### **Affiliations, Activities, and Accomplishments**

Dow is a member of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the American Inns of Court. He was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. He is also a member of the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute. Dow serves on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Louisiana and the NOLA 180 – Langston Hughes Academy Charter School.

Dow is admitted to practice before all Louisiana state courts, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana.

During law school, Dow served as managing editor of the Southern University Law Review. He was also a member of the Moot Court Board and a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. Dow served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Dow is also a former claim adjuster with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and football player with the New England Patriots.

### **Education**

Dow received his B.S. (1983) from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a degree in Business Administration. He received his J.D. (2000) from Southern University Law Center, where he graduated *cum laude*.

### **Military Service**

Dow served as an Adjutant General Officer in the U.S. Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Corps.

### **Honors**

Dow was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Product Liability Litigation.\*

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## **Publications and Presentations**

*Fleming v. HCA Health Services of Louisiana: "Patient Dumping"*, Louisiana Revised Statute 40:2113.6

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<http://www.louisianapremisesliabilitylaw.com/2009/09/articles/retail-stores/store-potentially-liable-even-though-pallet-was-in-plain-view/> (Sept. 14, 2009).

Speaker: Southern University Law Review Induction Ceremony. (October 2006 and October 2009)