

Matthew W. Bailey

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For 30 years, Matt has guided corporate, transportation, and business clients through a broad range of incidents, accidents, claims, and lawsuits. He is a seasoned negotiator, regularly seeking early resolution of claims to avoid costly and disruptive litigation, while limiting client exposure and the unpredictability of outcomes.

An experienced trial lawyer, Matt has served as lead counsel in numerous bench and jury trials, defending claims involving transportation, products liability, premises liability, insurance, bad faith, and general liability in both state and federal courts throughout Louisiana.

Matt has earned a reputation as an honest, trusted, and well-respected attorney by clients, the plaintiff's bar and judges alike. He prides himself on the ability to make more friends than enemies throughout the course of his career, ensuring that personalities and emotions do not get in the way of negotiations, decisions, trials, and outcomes.

Matt leads the firm's Rapid Response team and is frequently retained immediately upon the occurrence of an emergency, accident, or catastrophic event. He and his team are experienced in managing the risks, responding to the scene, leading the investigation, securing evidence and engaging experts as needed to protect his clients.

As head of the Irwin Fritchie Baton Rouge office, Matt is actively involved in national and international defense organizations, having served as the President of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA), on the Board of Directors of Defense Research Institute (DRI), and as an active member of numerous other legal industry committees.

Practice Areas

Complex Litigation
Railroad & Transportation
Products Liability
Casualty
Insurance
Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
Commercial Litigation
Premises Liability
Trials
Trucking

Admissions

Louisiana State Courts
United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana

Education

J.D., Louisiana State University
Paul M. Hebert Law Center
(1992)
B.S., Louisiana State University
(1988)

Experience

Traumatic Brain Injury: Lead Trial Counsel

Gas Regulator: Lead Trial Counsel

Hollywood Stunt Industry: Lead Trial Counsel

Food manufactures: Lead Trial Counsel

Wrongful Death: Lead Trial Counsel

Premises Liability: Lead Trial Counsel

Defense of 100s of Personal Injury Claims as a result of auto/trucking accidents

Honors & Recognitions

Louisiana Super Lawyers

AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell rating

Professional Affiliations

- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, Past President (2015-2016)
- Defense Research Institute, Board of Directors (2014-2016)
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Transportation Industry Defense Association
- Trial Attorneys of America
- Transportation Lawyers Association
- Baton Rouge Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association

News

Irwin Fritchie Announces Launch of Updated Firm Branding, Including Modernized Website Redesign
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart Moore & Daniels LLC, is excited to announce the launch of updated firm branding, including an updated logo and color scheme, and a more modernized and user-friendly website.

[NEWS, 11.30.2022](#)

30 Irwin Fritchie Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers in America®
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC is pleased to announce that 30 Irwin Fritchie attorneys have been recognized in the 2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers*® as 2023 Best Lawyers in America® and 2023 Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch.

[NEWS, 8.18.2022](#)

Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore's Summary Judgment Win Affirmed by U.S. Fifth Circuit

[NEWS, 2.28.2022](#)

Irwin Fritchie's Commitment to Combating Racial Injustice

[NEWS, 6.10.2020](#)

18 Irwin Fritchie attorneys listed as 2019 Super Lawyers

[NEWS, 1.8.2019](#)

Irwin Fritchie listed as one of the best firms for minority attorneys by Law 360

[NEWS, 6.19.2018](#)

Twenty Irwin Fritchie attorneys listed in Louisiana 2018 Super Lawyers!

[NEWS, 1.3.2018](#)

Matt Bailey, Kelly Brilleaux, & Shannon Jaeckel were guest lecturers at LSU on Monday, September 11

[NEWS, 9.12.2017](#)

Irwin Fritchie recognized by Best Lawyers as a "Best Law Firm" in 9 practice areas.

[NEWS, 11.1.2016](#)

Irwin Fritchie named one of Best Places to Work by CityBusiness

[NEWS, 9.16.2016](#)

Irwin Fritchie receives A rating in Above the Law Gender Diversity Index

[NEWS, 5.25.2016](#)