

# **Bradley Partner J. William Manuel Elected VP of ABOTA's Mississippi Chapter**

J. William Manuel, a partner in Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP's Jackson office, has been elected vice president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He will serve a one-year term and then serve as president in 2020.

"We congratulate Will on his election as the Mississippi vice president of the American Board of Trial Advocates," said Bradley Jackson Office Managing Partner Margaret Oertling Cupples. "We are very proud of Will's ongoing commitment to serving our industry and profession."

Manuel said, "I am honored to serve our chapter, which includes many celebrated Mississippi lawyers who care passionately about the American jury trial system."

A member of Bradley's Litigation Practice Group, Manuel focuses his practice primarily on commercial and employment litigation. He has handled various disputes for both large and small businesses in Mississippi and other jurisdictions. His clients include manufacturers and commercial interests as well as various insurance and financial services companies. He has worked to defend these clients in both MDL litigation and individual actions brought in Mississippi. His experience also includes advising businesses on issues involving age discrimination, sexual harassment and wage/overtime disputes.

In addition to his involvement with ABOTA, Manuel is president of the Capital Area Bar Association and a member of the Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions. He also has served in leadership roles with the Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors of the Fellows and Jackson Young

Lawyers.

ABOTA is a national organization of trial lawyers with 97 chapters in all 50 U.S. states. Selection for membership into ABOTA carries with it considerable prestige among attorneys, judges and legislators.