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**MHH Attorneys Named to 2010 Alabama
Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists**

Morris, Haynes & Hornsby attorneys Larry Morris and Clay Hornsby were named by *Alabama Super Lawyers* magazine as two of the top attorneys in Alabama for 2010. Only five percent of the lawyers in the state are named by *Super Lawyers*. In addition, Morris, Haynes & Hornsby attorney Todd Wheelles was named by the magazine as a *Rising Star* for 2010. No more than 2.5% of lawyers in the state are named to this list.

The selections for *Super Lawyers* are conducted by *Law & Politics* which employs a rigorous, multiphase process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with third party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. The candidates are evaluated based on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement: verdicts and settlements; transactions; representative clients; experience; honors and awards; special licenses and certifications; position within law firm; bar and or other professional activity; pro bono and community service as a lawyer; scholarly lectures and writings; education and employment background; and other outstanding achievements.

For the *Rising Stars* list, lawyers are asked to nominate the best attorneys who are 40 or under, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less. They are instructed to nominate lawyers they have personally observed in action — whether as opposing counsel or co-counsel, or through other firsthand courtroom observation. In addition to the general survey, the attorney-led research team reviews the credentials of potential candidates and assigns points based on a set of defined evaluation criteria. The point totals from the general survey and research process are then added to arrive at a final tally. The lawyers are ranked

by point totals and those with the highest point totals are named to the *Rising Stars* list.

Profiles of Morris, Haynes & Hornsby attorneys named to 2010 *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* lists –

Larry Morris - Larry Morris is the founder and senior partner of Morris, Haynes & Hornsby. He has practiced law for over 30 years and has been involved in approximately 2000 civil cases. He has handled 130 cases in which verdicts or settlements were reached in excess of \$1,000,000. Mr. Morris specializes in personal injury and death cases arising from vehicle accidents, defective products or medical malpractice. He also has handled multi-million dollar cases against insurance companies for fraud and other commercial litigation.

Mr. Morris has served as President of the Alabama Bar Association from 2001-2002, as well as President of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association and Young Lawyers of Alabama. He has lectured at the American Trial Advocacy Program, the National Masters in Trial seminars, and Florida, Texas and Georgia legal seminars. He was recently listed among America's 100 outstanding trial attorneys. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, he was also named as an Alabama *Super Lawyer* through a peer evaluation process conducted by *Law & Politics*. Mr. Morris is currently the President of the Alabama Law Foundation and serves on the Executive Committee of the Alabama Association for Justice.

He received his law degree from the University of Alabama where he was President of the School of Law and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In 1974, he was elected to the Alabama State Legislature where he served for 4 years. He has been elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1994, he was named by President Clinton to the President's Council on International Jurisprudence on which he served for 6 years.

Clay Hornsby - The son of a former Alabama State Supreme Court Chief Justice and a lifelong Alabama resident, Clay Hornsby was born in Montgomery County on September 2, 1962. Mr. Hornsby earned his BS degree from the University of Alabama in 1984. While earning his 1988 Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama, he excelled in the Trial Lawyers Advocacy Program—finishing number two nationwide in courtroom trial skills, the highest finish in the history of the law school at the time. Mr. Hornsby has also been listed among the top 100 trial lawyers in the state of Alabama by the American Trial Lawyers Association and, in 2008, 2009 and 2010, was named as an Alabama *Super Lawyer* through a peer evaluation process conducted by *Law & Politics*.

Mr. Hornsby is an active member of the Alabama Association for Justice, currently serving as Secretary. He is also an involved member in the American Association for Justice. He was President of the Fifth Judicial Bar for 2001-2002. A frequent continuing legal education speaker, Mr. Hornsby has presented in-depth lectures on topics ranging from bad faith litigation and consumer fraud to winning trial strategies and techniques and state and municipal liability. During his legal career, Mr. Hornsby has prepared, tried, and settled cases against many of the world's largest corporations.

He is a member of the "Million Dollar Advocates Forum" which is a group comprised solely of lawyers who have tried and won a case of \$1 million or more. Mr. Hornsby also attained "silver member" status in "Elite Lawyers of America," meaning that he has multiple settlements or verdicts over \$2 million. He is also a senior counsel of the College of Master Advocates and Barristers which honors his skills and experience as a trial lawyer.

Todd Wheelles - M. Todd Wheelles earned his Bachelor of Arts from Auburn University in 1995, his Master of Science from Jacksonville State University in 1998, and his Juris Doctorate from the Birmingham School of Law in 2001. In 1993, Mr. Wheelles became an Alabama State Trooper, where he became

proficient in investigating fatal wrecks. In 1996, Mr. Wheelles joined the Alabama Bureau of Investigations, where he was named “Agent of the Year” in 2001.

Mr. Wheelles is an active member of the Alabama State Bar, the Alabama Association for Justice, the American Association for Justice, and the Birmingham Bar Association. He was also appointed to act as Legal Counsel to the Alabama Board of Polygraph Examiners by Governor Bob Riley. In 2010, he was named as a *Rising Star* through a peer evaluation process conducted by *Law & Politics*.