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### GOLIATH, MEET DAVID

Jere Beasley takes  
down corporate giants

### THE REDOUBTABLE MS. CRITTENDEN

Judy Crittenden's  
40-year winning streak

### SELMA BOUND

Terri Sewell proves  
you can go home again

### THE 24-HOUR RULE

Sam Franklin on Exxon, Big Tobacco  
and his legendary cool

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and the publishers of

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# the top 50

The following is an alphabetical listing of the lawyers who received the highest point totals in the 2008 *Alabama Super Lawyers* nomination, research and blue ribbon review process.

**Ashford, D. Leon**, Hare Wynn Newell & Newton, Birmingham  
**Atchison, W. Michael**, Starnes & Atchison, Birmingham  
**Bains, Jr, Lee E.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Bates, Walter W.**, Starnes & Atchison, Birmingham  
**Beavers, Jr., Charles A.J.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Botus, Paul P.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Boyd, David R.**, Balch & Bingham, Montgomery  
**Brooks, J.R.**, Lanier Ford Shaver & Payne, Huntsville  
**Brown, Stephen E.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Carrigan, J. Richard**, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart, Birmingham  
**Chason, Allan R.**, Chason & Chason, Bay Minette  
**Christian, Thomas W.**, Christian & Small, Birmingham  
**Clark, William N.**, Redden Mills & Clark, Birmingham  
**Coleman, III, John J.**, Burr & Forman, Birmingham  
**Cunningham, Robert T.**, Cunningham Bounds, Mobile  
**Daniels, C. Fred**, Cabaniss Johnston Gardner Dumas & O'Neal, Birmingham  
**Edwards, Michael L.**, Balch & Bingham, Birmingham

**Ely, Bruce P.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Espy, III, Joseph C.**, Melton Espy & Williams, Montgomery  
**Franklin, Samuel H.**, Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham  
**Gale, III, Fournier J.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Gewin, James W.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Grantham, Jeffrey M.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Ingram, J. Fredric**, Burr & Forman, Birmingham  
**Isom, H. Chervis**, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Birmingham  
**Johnson, John M.**, Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham  
**King, M. Christian**, Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham  
**Lacy, Jr., Peyton**, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart, Birmingham  
**Leach, Jr., John N.**, Helmsing Leach Hertlong Newman & Rouse, Mobile  
**Long, Thad G.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Marsh, David H.**, Marsh Rickard & Bryan, Birmingham  
**McCarthy, Brian P.**, McDowell Knight Roedder & Sledge, Mobile  
**McGivaren, Jr., Crawford S.**, Cabaniss Johnston Gardner Dumas & O'Neal, Birmingham  
**Middlebrooks, David J.**, Lehr Middlebrooks & Vreeland, Birmingham

**Mills, Gail L.**, Burr & Forman, Birmingham  
**Myrick, Paul D.**, The Kullman Firm, Mobile  
**Novak, Jr., Tabor R.**, Ball Ball Matthews & Novak, Montgomery  
**Powell, Scott A.**, Hare Wynn Newell & Newton, Birmingham  
**Prater, IV, Harlan I.**, Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham  
**Quinn, C. Michael**, Wiggins Childs Quinn & Pantazis, Birmingham  
**Rodgers, W. Stanley**, Lanier Ford Shaver & Payne, Huntsville  
**Rogers, Bruce F.**, Bainbridge Mims Rogers & Smith, Birmingham  
**Segall, Robert D.**, Copeland Franco Screws & Gill, Montgomery  
**Sellers, Randal H.**, Starnes & Atchison, Birmingham  
**Sexton, Robert R.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Singer, Fern H.**, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Birmingham  
**Starnes, W. Stancil**, ProAssurance Corp., Birmingham  
**Trant, Sid J.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Wells, Jr., H. Thomas**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**White, J. Mark**, White Arnold & Dowd, Birmingham  
**White, Jr., Jere F.**, Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham

*Due to a tie, there are 51 lawyers on this list.*

# the top 10

**Ashford, D. Leon**, Hare Wynn Newell & Newton, Birmingham (2nd Top Point Getter)  
**Franklin, Samuel H.**, Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham (3rd Top Point Getter)  
**Gale, III, Fournier J.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Gewin, James W.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Marsh, David H.**, Marsh Rickard & Bryan, Birmingham (Top Point Getter)  
**Middlebrooks, David J.**, Lehr Middlebrooks & Vreeland, Birmingham  
**Powell, Scott A.**, Hare Wynn Newell & Newton, Birmingham  
**Segall, Robert D.**, Copeland Franco Screws & Gill, Montgomery  
**Wells, Jr., H. Thomas**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**White, Jr., Jere F.**, Lightfoot Franklin & White, Birmingham

# the top 25 women

The following is an alphabetical listing of the women lawyers who received the highest point totals in the 2008 *Alabama Super Lawyers* nomination, research and blue ribbon review process.

**Alford, Helen Johnson**, Alford Clausen & McDonald, Mobile  
**Allison, Lindsey J.**, Allison May Alvis Fuhrmeister & Kimbrough, Birmingham  
**Alvis, LaBella S.**, Christian & Small, Birmingham  
**Bains, Kay K.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Beaube, Elizabeth G.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Collins, Celia J.**, Johnstone Adams, Mobile  
**Crew, Wendy B.**, Crew & Howell, Birmingham  
**Crittenden, Judith S.**, The Crittenden Firm, Birmingham  
**Dowd, Augusta S.**, White Arnold & Dowd, Birmingham

**Friedman, Linda A.**, Bradley Arant Rose & White, Birmingham  
**Haynes, Alicia K.**, Haynes & Haynes, Birmingham  
**Hutchins, Elizabeth H.**, Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham  
**Killebrew, Denise W.**, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Birmingham  
**Mathews, Melinda M.**, Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham  
**Mills, Gail L.**, Burr & Forman, Birmingham  
**Nelson, Carol Sue**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham  
**Porter, Maibeth J.**, Maynard Cooper & Gale, Birmingham

**Quick, Frances King**, Adams and Reese, Birmingham  
**Singer, Fern H.**, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Birmingham  
**Smith, Carol Ann**, Carol Ann Smith, Birmingham  
**Smith, Deborah Alley**, Christian & Small, Birmingham  
**Wagner, Susan S.**, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Birmingham  
**Walker, Marion F.**, Ford & Harrison, Birmingham  
**Watson, Leila H.**, Cory Watson Crowder & DeGaris, Birmingham  
**Windle, Gwen L.**, Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker, Birmingham

# the top 10

**Ashford, D. Leon**, Hare Wynn  
Newell & Newton, Birmingham  
(2nd Top Point Getter)

**Franklin, Samuel H.**, Lightfoot  
Franklin & White, Birmingham  
(3rd Top Point Getter)

**Gale, III, Fournier J.**, Maynard  
Cooper & Gale, Birmingham

**Gewin, James W.**, Bradley Arant  
Rose & White, Birmingham

**Marsh, David H.**, Marsh Rickard  
& Bryan, Birmingham (Top  
Point Getter)

**Middlebrooks, David J.**, Lehr  
Middlebrooks & Vreeland,  
Birmingham

**Powell, Scott A.**, Hare Wynn  
Newell & Newton, Birmingham

**Segall, Robert D.**, Copeland  
Franco Screws & Gill,  
Montgomery

**Wells, Jr., H. Thomas**, Maynard  
Cooper & Gale, Birmingham

**White, Jr., Jere F.**, Lightfoot  
Franklin & White, Birmingham