



## Attorney

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John Alan Jones is the founding member and managing partner of Martin & Jones, where he has worked since he began practicing law in 1982. John Alan was born and raised in Pine Level, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1979, he entered law school at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was a member of the Holderness Moot Court.

Upon graduating from law school in 1982, John Alan began representing workers with occupational diseases caused by toxic chemicals and cotton dust. His practice soon became statewide. He represented hundreds of North Carolina workers in these occupational disease cases, which led to an interest in both medicine and product liability claims. In the mid-1980's, he began representing people who had been injured by major corporations manufacturing toxic chemicals, asbestos, defective pharmaceuticals and harmful medical devices.

From 1984 until 1997, he successfully represented approximately 1,100 women from 28 states who had been injured by the Dalkon Shield IUD.

Indeed, he obtained a large plaintiff's verdict in the last Dalkon Shield case tried in the United States. In 1988 he first agreed to represent someone injured by medical malpractice. He tried and won his first medical malpractice case in 1990, and he has successfully represented medical malpractice victims throughout North Carolina, having tried these cases from the mountains to the coast. He now heads the firm's medical malpractice group, which is comprised of three attorneys and seven staff members. John Alan continues to devote a large percentage of his practice to representing individuals catastrophically injured by medical negligence, defective pharmaceuticals, toxic substances or other negligence.

He has also devoted a significant amount of his work time to consumer class action litigation and representing small businesses victimized by unfair business practices of major corporations. John Alan served as lead counsel on behalf of thousands of consumers in class actions against major banks arising from predatory lending practices. After more than seven years of litigation, John Alan settled predatory lending class actions against a Bank of America subsidiary, NationsCredit, for \$38,750,000 and a CitiBank subsidiary, Citifinancial, for \$42,500,000. Each of these class actions went to the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court, resulting in landmark appellate decisions providing protection for North Carolina consumers and providing compensation to more than 12,000 North Carolina consumers.

John Alan handles both trial and appellate work in state and federal courts throughout North Carolina and around the U.S. He has received Martindale-Hubbell's "AV Preeminent" peer review rating, which is the highest rating given. He has also been recognized by his peers as a North Carolina Super Lawyer every year since 2007 and as one of North Carolina's "Best Lawyers" every year since 2008. Since 2014 he has six times been voted by his peers as "Lawyer of the Year" in either Medical Malpractice, Product Liability Litigation or Mass Tort Litigation.

John Alan is married and has two children. He happily spends most of his free time with family activities, and has a particular fondness for travel.

## Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

## Bar Admissions

- North Carolina
- U.S. District Court Middle District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court Western District of North Carolina
- U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit

## Classes & Seminars

- Seminar Faculty Member, Trial Practice and Evidence, North Carolina Bar Association

- Seminar Faculty Member, Trial Advocacy Clinic, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Speaker, Toxic Torts in North Carolina, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers Annual Convention
- Seminar Faculty Member, Trial Practice, National Institute of Trial Advocacy
- Seminar Faculty Member, Questioning Witnesses: Direct and Cross Examination, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers

## Honors & Awards

- "Best Lawyers in America", 2008 – Present
- "Lawyer of the Year" 2023 for Raleigh in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions Plaintiffs by Best Lawyers & U.S. News & World Report
- "Lawyer of the Year" 2023 for Raleigh in Medical Malpractice Law Plaintiffs by Best Lawyers & U.S. News & World Report
- "Lawyer of the Year" 2021 for Raleigh in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions Plaintiffs by Best Lawyers & U.S. News & World Report
- "Lawyer of the Year" 2019 for Raleigh in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions Plaintiffs by Best Lawyers & U.S. News & World Report
- "Lawyer of the Year" 2017 for Raleigh in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions Plaintiffs by Best Lawyers & U.S. News & World Report
- "Lawyer of the Year" 2015 for Raleigh in Product Liability Litigation Plaintiffs by Best Lawyers & U.S. News & World Report
- "Lawyer of the Year" 2014 for Raleigh in Medical Malpractice Law Plaintiffs by Best Lawyers & U.S. News & World Report
- "North Carolina Super Lawyers", 2007 – Present
- "Business North Carolina's Legal Elite"

## Professional Association and Memberships

- American Association for Justice
- North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Sustaining Patron
- North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Former Member, Education Committee
- Trial Briefs Magazine, Member, Editorial Board

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Member
- North Carolina Bar Association

## Cases

- [Medical Malpractice](#)
- [Personal Injury](#)
- [Class Actions](#)