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15 CHRISTIAN & SMALL ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED AS 2016 BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (August 26, 2014) – The law firm of [Christian & Small LLP](#), headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama is pleased to announce 15 attorneys have been included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Partners Michael A. Vercher and Jonathan W. Macklem were listed for the first time, and Partner Robert E. Cooper was named "Lawyer of the Year" for Insurance Litigation.

Christian & Small attorneys recognized are:

- **LaBella S. Alvis - Personal Injury – Defendants**
- **James B. Carlson - Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants**
- **Thomas W. Christian - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants**
- **Robert E. Cooper - Health Care Litigation; Insurance Litigation (2016 Lawyer of the Year); Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants**
- **Edgar M. Elliott IV - Insurance Law; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Transportation Law**
- **Jonathan W. Macklem - Labor & Employment Litigation**
- **Greer B. Mallette - Construction Law**
- **Richard F. Ogle - Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Mediation**
- **Clarence M. Small Jr. – Arbitration; Mediation; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants**
- **Deborah Alley Smith - Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law**
- **Richard E. Smith - Commercial Litigation; Banking & Finance Litigation; Construction Litigation**
- **Daniel D. Sparks - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Litigation; Banking & Finance Litigation; Bankruptcy Litigation**
- **Sharon D. Stuart - Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Labor & Employment Litigation; Securities Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants**
- **Michael A. Vercher - Insurance Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants**
- **David B. Walston - Employment Law – Management; Labor & Employment Litigation**

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