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Tim Burson joined Bovis, Kyle & Burch, LLC's Surety, Fidelity, and Construction practice in 1989 as an associate. He became a member of the Firm in 1996. Tim practiced in construction and related areas beginning with his admission to the bar in Louisiana in 1986, including work with a private law firm handling large-scale bank closings for the FDIC in Louisiana as well as Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

As part of the Firm's Surety/Fidelity practice group, Tim is a trial lawyer. His primary area of practice is Probate litigation involving claims against commercial surety bonds, but also including general litigation involving estates, wills, trusts, conservatorships, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. These practice areas naturally lend themselves to salvage and subrogation litigation. Tim's collection services for corporate clients also leads to litigation with and on behalf of financial institutions and inevitably to creditor representation before United States Bankruptcy Courts. Part of Tim's services in the Surety/Fidelity practice group involves construction litigation – frequently defending claims against performance and payment bonds, as well as fidelity insurance claims.

Tim is admitted to a number of courts due to the needs of the Firm's surety/ fidelity and related clients for representation on a regional basis: The State Bar of Georgia; The Louisiana State Bar; The United States Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit; The United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit; The United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia; The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana; The United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana; and The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Because of numerous Miller Acts claims, Tim is admitted to The United States Claims Court. Tim has also been admitted on a *pro hac vice* basis to state and/or federal courts in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Tim writes and frequently presents cutting-edge presentations for surety and fidelity groups, at seminars and continuing legal education presentations in house and through larger industry associations. Most recently, Tim prepared the Mock-Trial session on Probate litigation at the 2008 "Hot Topics in Guardianship" for the State Bar of Georgia. He authored the chapter "Penal Sum Bond Limits" in *The Law of Probate Bonds* (ABA 2001). Since Bovis, Kyle and Burch, LLC's charter membership in the Southern Surety and Fidelity Claims Association, Tim and other Firm attorneys have prepared papers and topics for publication and discussion at each of the annual conferences held in several major southern cities.

Tim graduated in the top 25% of his class at The University of Alabama School of Law (J.D. 1985). He competed for and served as a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board through which Tim was also a teaching assistant and instructor in Legal Bibliography and appellate writing courses. He served as an editor on The University's *Law and Psychology Review* 1983-85. He was a member and officer of the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society and a member and officer of the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Tim also served

as an Honor Court Justice as a law student and co-chaired the orientation program for first year law students in 1984. Tim's service as a student and leader in The University's School of Law was recognized through his receipt of the Dean Thomas A. Christopher Leadership Award awarded annually to one student and one teacher at The University of Alabama School of Law in the Honors Week Program.

Tim developed his writing skills through his Journalism major with double minors in English and Political Science also at The University of Alabama (B.A. News Editorial 1982). He combined activities, academics, and work, making the Dean's list four times. While in undergraduate school, Tim was a reporter for both *The Tuscaloosa News* and the University's student newspaper, *The Crimson and White*. Tim also served on The University's Avanti team as a counselor to freshmen students for two years.

Born in Birmingham Alabama 10/27/58, Tim moved with mother and younger sister to West Georgia in 1968 after his father's death. Tim lettered in high school football as a linebacker and running back at Forest Park High School in Clayton County, Georgia. Tim is involved in a number of denominational activities. He is a National Certified Trainer for Royal Ambassadors through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Tim is a member of the Georgia Baptist Convention's Men's Ministries and Royal Ambassadors Advisory Councils. He serves as the Royal Ambassadors Coordinator for Noonday Baptist Association in Cobb County Georgia.

Tim has three sons (Jonathon, John, Davis) and a daughter (Claire). Tim and Melody Burson are celebrating their 19th year of marriage. You may reach Tim by mail at the Firm's address, by fax at (770) 668-0878, by telephone directly at (678) 338-3908, and via e-mail: tjb@boviskyle.com.