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Responsive and committed to understanding how legal issues intersect with clients' business operations and objectives, Charles Prueter assists private and public companies in litigation matters and internal investigations, as well as individuals in federal criminal proceedings. His experience includes successfully defending clients in the banking and financial services sectors against lawsuits brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and other federal and state laws, in trial courts and on appeal. Charles has been retained to perform internal investigations relating to violations of both company policies and federal regulations. Charles also has represented individuals facing federal fraud prosecutions. A staunch believer in the First Amendment, Charles has supported, on a pro bono basis, challenges to the constitutionality of political-speech restrictions through amicus briefing at the federal appellate level.

Drawing from his experiences as a law clerk to a U.S. District Court judge and a U.S. Court of Appeals judge, Charles has a valued understanding of the processes by which civil and criminal cases are decided by judges and juries. Charles's honed ability to narrow and analyze complex legal issues likely to be dispositive in litigation is a useful asset for clients confronted with legal disputes and crisis situations.

Education

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, The University of Alabama School of Law, 2012
- Editor in Chief, *Alabama Law Review*, 2011-2012
- Order of the Coif
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, The Ohio State University, 2009

Bar Admissions

- Alabama
- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Alabama
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Sixth and Eleventh Circuits

Professional

- Member, Alabama and Texas Bar Associations
- Member, Birmingham Bar Association CLE Committee
- Member, Appellate Section, Texas Bar

Prior Affiliations

- Law Clerk to the Honorable Jennifer Walker Elrod, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2013-2014
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Sim Lake, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2012-2013

Community

- Bluff Park United Methodist Church

Up Close

Charles and his wife, Susan, are kept busy by their two young children. A proud graduate of The Ohio State University, Charles roots for the Buckeyes on Saturdays in the Fall. Charles also coaches youth football and basketball for the Hoover YMCA. The Prueter family attends Bluff Park United Methodist Church, where Charles serves on the Board of Stewards.

Articles

- "Justices threaded the needle with Masterpiece Cakeshop decision," authored by Charles Prueter, Waller Law Blog
- "Trump's travel ban, cake bakers and gerrymandering make for a busy Supreme Court session," authored by Charles Prueter, Waller Law Blog
- "The conflict over the CFPB and what it means for the future," Brian Malcom and Charles Prueter quoted in Birmingham Business Journal