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Top Quality Lawyers Willing to Share the Risks of Litigation

Doffermire Shields Canfield & Knowles, LLC



*Left to right: Ralph Knowles, Ken Canfield,
Bob Shields and Everette Doffermire*

Lawyers who represent businesses in major litigation typically get paid by the hour. But not Doffermire Shields Canfield & Knowles, LLC.

This Atlanta law firm prefers sharing the risks with its clients, getting paid a percentage of the recovery rather than for the number of hours spent on a case. As a result, the interests of the firm and its clients are one and the same — to achieve the best outcome as efficiently and quickly as possible.

The firm's owners — Everette L. Doffermire, Robert E. Shields, Kenneth S. Canfield and Ralph Knowles — have an enviable track record of success built on legal skill and an ability to select the right cases.

"Clients are comforted knowing we believe in their cases," says Doffermire. "We won't file a lawsuit unless we feel strongly that our clients are right. And

"With fewer cases being tried these days, the depth and breadth of our trial experience is, we believe, a real plus for our clients."

— Everette Doffermire

we feel so strongly that we are willing to put our time and money on the line."

The firm's model works well for small businesses that cannot afford huge monthly legal bills. But even large businesses with unlimited budgets see the beauty in having lawyers whose sole motivation is the result, not the process of achieving it.

The firm is best known for its work in high-profile, high-stakes litigation across a wide range of areas. Cases include

antitrust, bankruptcy, business torts, class actions, environmental, health care disputes, insurance litigation, RICO, professional negligence and personal injury.

The firm has recovered in excess of a billion dollars for its clients in these contingent fee cases. "We are proud of what we have accomplished for our clients," says Canfield.

The attorneys have large-firm backgrounds themselves, but left more than 20 years ago to form this smaller practice . . . that goes after the Goliaths. "This was partly because at large firms, partners often greet clients with, 'Let me introduce you to my junior colleague, who will actually handle your case while I monitor it,'" Shields says. "I didn't want to manage younger people who actually did the work. I wanted to actually do the work!"



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