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**Practice Areas**

Medical Malpractice Defense  
Dental Malpractice Defense  
Hospital Defense Litigation  
Product Liability Defense  
Nursing Home Litigation  
Insurance Defense Litigation  
Alternate Dispute Resolution

**Education**

B.S. (With High Honors) University of Tennessee at Martin, 1973  
J.D., University of Memphis, 1975

**Affiliations**

Memphis Bar Association (1981 - Director of Young Lawyers, 1981 - Director of Senior Bar, 1982 - Secretary of Young Lawyers); Tennessee Bar Association; American Bar Association; Defense Research Institute;

**Admissions**

Tennessee, 1976  
United States Supreme Court, 1992  
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1985  
All Appellate Courts for the State of Tennessee, 1976  
United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 1976  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2004

### *Honors & Activities*

Tennessee Historical Commission Award, 1973

Civil Trial Specialist – Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization and National Board of Trial Advocacy

Tennessee Supreme Court Approved Mediator

United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee Court-Appointed Mediation Panel

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers (2005)

Fellow, Tennessee Bar Foundation

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Personal Injury Litigation since 2003

Listed in *Super Lawyers* as a Top 100 Tennessee Attorney in the Mid-South since 2006

Listed in *Super Lawyers* in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution

Martindale-Hubbell - AV rating

### *Reported Cases*

Busby v. Massey, 686 S.W.2d 60 (Tenn. 1984)

Atkins v. City Finance Company, 683 S.W.2d 331 (Tenn. 1986)

Ellis v. Chase Communications, Inc., 63 F3d. 473 (6th Cir. 1995)

MK Associates v. Pickering, 959 S.W.2d 152 (Tenn. App. 1997)

### *Publications*

Book-

The Sultana Tragedy, Pelican Publishing Company, 1992

## Historical Study-

Problems Relating to the Socio-Economical Development of Northwest Tennessee 1819-1900, TVA, 1973

## Articles-

- 1) "The First West Tennessee Raid of General Nathan Bedford Forrest"  
The West Tennessee Historical Society Papers, 1974
- 2) "The Sultana Disaster" The Blue and Gray Magazine, August, 1990
- 3) "A Tragic Postscript" American History Magazine, September, 1996
- 4) "Can We Talk? The Recent Givens Decision Says No" Tennessee Bar Journal, November, 2002