

## KREIS WHITE

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### ADMISSIONS

Tennessee bar (1981), United States District Court, Middle District (1982), United States Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit (1982), United States District Court, Eastern District (2005), United States Supreme Court (2005), United States District Court, Western District (2008)

### EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville (B.A., 1978); Vanderbilt University School of Law (J.D., 1981) University of Tennessee College of Trial Advocacy (1987); National Institute of Trial Advocacy Master Advocacy Program (1994)

### PAST & PRESENT MEMBERSHIPS

Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates; National Board of Trial Advocacy; Defense Research Institute; Association of Defense Trial Attorneys; Tennessee Bar Association, former chair of the TBA Torts and Insurance Practice section and longtime Executive Council member; Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association; Nashville Bar Association; National Association of Subrogation Professionals

### SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION

Civil Trial Advocate (since 1994), Civil Pretrial Practice Advocate (since 2012); National Board of Trial Advocacy, listed as a Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator since 2006 by the Tennessee Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission

Kreis White holds the highest rating from Martindale-Hubbell for ethics and legal ability: AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating and has been recognized annually since 2008 as a Super Lawyer in the Mid South and Corporate Counsel editions in civil litigation and insurance coverage. He has a 10.0 AVVO rating.

### TRIAL EXPERIENCE

Over 200 jury trials in more than 80 of Tennessee's 95 counties and in 28 of the state's 31 judicial districts. Countless non-jury trials across Tennessee

### In His Own Words

I married my high school sweetheart Jennifer decades ago. She's so patient (still). With two horses and two unruly Heeler dogs on our small farm in South Williamson County, outside time is cherished. Passions include guitar and banjo picking with talented friends, binge-reading and "sleeves rolled up" involvement in local government. Clear skies with stars and lightning bugs light our lives—but not nearly as brightly as our grown kids and first grandchild.

A goal has been to try a jury trial in every Tennessee county before I stop. That last pesky dozen or so of the 95 are elusive. COVID-19 sure isn't helping, either. Are two bench trials equal to one jury trial? If so, I'm getting close...

About half of my work life is devoted to a civil mediation. I enjoy trying to help parties work past barriers to settle disputes.

Favorite book: *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell ("Some animals are more equal than others...")

Favorite movie: *Animal House* ("Seven years of college down the drain...")

Favorite courthouses: Those with indoor plumbing and no metal detectors.

Favorite possession: 70's vintage Martin D-18 acoustic guitar, bought as a pimply kid with lawn mowing and birthday money. Honorable mention: a bright blue New Holland tractor.