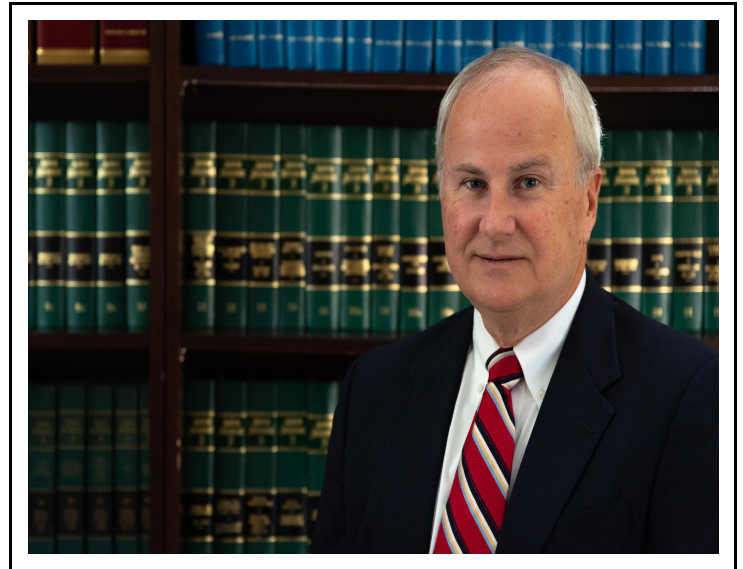


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Ronald D. Wells is the Senior Partner at the firm and has worked his entire career of 35+ years with Robinson, Smith & Wells. He graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1981 with a B.A. in Political Science, *magna cum laude*. He received his law degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1984, and was admitted to the Tennessee Bar the same year.

His practice focuses on general, civil defense of cases in multiple areas of law. This includes motor vehicle accidents that range from simple rear-end accidents involving soft tissue injuries to cases involving serious injury or death. In addition, he handles cases wherein he defends cities and towns, or their elected officials or employees, in cases involving everything from motor vehicle accidents in city-owned vehicles to suits against the governing body over issues like zoning or personnel decisions. A large part of his practice involves defending civil rights cases brought against municipalities and their elected officials or employees. These cases include employment liability involving any form of discrimination, as well as whistleblower-type lawsuits. Also, these cases include claims against municipalities and their police officers for issues such as false arrest and excessive force. Further, he also handles premise liability cases in both residential and commercial settings. More recently his practice has evolved to include serving as a mediator in all types of cases, which is a growing part of his practice.

Mr. Wells practices in state and federal court. Most of his cases are pending in Hamilton County on the state level; however, he handles cases in other counties on a regular basis, including Polk, Monroe, Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Marion, Bledsoe, Sequatchie, Grundy and Franklin County. On the federal level he has cases pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, at Chattanooga, at Knoxville, and at Greenville. It's also not unusual for him to have cases pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Mr. Wells is a member of the Chattanooga Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, and American Bar Association. In addition, he is a member of the Chattanooga Bar Foundation. He maintains a membership in the Defense Research Institute, Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association and has been rated by Martindale-Hubbell as AV Preeminent.

Mr. Wells is married to Gina. They have two sons, Bryan and Aaron. Ron enjoys practicing law with his son Aaron, who joined the firm in 2017. His family now includes three grandsons, Bennett, Elliott and Jack and, very recently, a granddaughter, Talley.