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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial & Business Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation
- Zoning & Land Use Planning



Chas Higgins focuses his practice on commercial & business litigation, personal injury and medical malpractice litigation, and white collar & criminal investigations. Mr. Higgins has successfully tried cases in both federal and state courts and represented clients before local government boards.

Before joining Burch, Porter & Johnson, Mr. Higgins served as a judicial law clerk to Chief Judge Jon P. McCalla of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Higgins was a teacher and high school basketball coach in Marianna, Arkansas, through Teach for America.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- In 2018, Mr. Higgins won a jury verdict in Colorado State Court for a local Memphis business in a breach of contract case.
- In 2015, Mr. Higgins and Gary Peeples won a jury verdict against a local nursing home.
- In 2015, Mr. Higgins successfully argued before the Tennessee Court of Appeals in a medical malpractice case, *Osunde v. Delta Medical Center*, 505 S.W.3d 875 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2016).
- In 2014, Mr. Higgins and Jef Feibelman successfully defended an election contest on behalf of a local school board member, *Whalum v. Shelby County Election Comm.*, 2014 WL 4919601 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2014).

EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2011), *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *Minnesota Law Review* (2010 – 2011)
- Loyola University Chicago (B.A., 2005), *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- Named to the Super Lawyers Mid-South Rising Stars list in the Personal Injury General: Plaintiff area (2016-2018)
- Associate Member, Leo Bearman, Sr. Chapter of American Inns of Court (2013-2016)
- Law Clerk, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (2009–2010)
- Recipient, Dorothy O. Lareau Best Brief Award (2009)



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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF NOTE

- Presenter, "Media Ethics," for Greater Memphis Paralegal Association (2018)
- Presenter, "Hot Topics in Health Care Litigation Cases," for TAM Medical Malpractice Conference, Nashville (2017)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Vice Chair, Frayser Community Schools / MLK, Jr. Preparatory High School (2013-present)
- Trustee, William R. Moore College of Technology (2014-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Exceptional Foundation of West Tennessee (2013-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Memphis Challenge (2013-present)
- Member, University of Minnesota Environmental Sustainability Clinic (2010–2011)
- Operational Director, Delta Youth Empowerment Program (2007–2008)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Tennessee, 2011
- United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2012
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2012

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Memphis Bar Association