

Brian Daniel Mounce

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PRACTICE AREAS

- **Commercial & Business Litigation**
- **White Collar & Government Investigations**
- **Government Relations & Municipal Law**



ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- **Tennessee 2021**
- **United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2021**
- **United States District Court for Middle District of Tennessee, 2024**
- **United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 2024**
- **United States District Court of the District of North Dakota, 2024**
- **United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2021**

Brian Daniel Mounce practices in the areas of complex commercial and criminal litigation, including the representation of individuals under federal investigation. Brian has successfully tried multiple cases across Tennessee in both federal and state court and served as lead counsel in appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Prior to joining Burch, Porter & Johnson, Brian served as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Western District of Tennessee, an Assistant Solicitor General and Strategic Litigation Counsel in the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General and was Of Counsel at a boutique civil rights firm in Nashville. Brian has lectured on constitutional theory, history and American political philosophy at various universities, including Christian Brothers University in Memphis. He has also published several articles analyzing constitutional and criminal law, including recent articles in the Tennessee Bar Journal and Memphis Bar Journal. Brian earned his law degree with honors from Tulane University Law School and an M.Sc. with honors from the London School of Economics. He presently serves as Chair of the Publications Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the Tennessee Bar Association.



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EDUCATION

- **Tulane University**, J.D. (Honors) 2021
- **London School of Economics and Political Science**, M.Sc. (Honors) 2017
- **Tel Aviv University**, B.A. (Honors) 2015
- **Rhodes College**, B.A., 2014

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Mr. Mounce represented an individual accused of bank fraud, forgery and theft; his client was successfully acquitted at trial.
- Mr. Mounce has represented dozens of individuals investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- Mr. Mounce and Mr. Laurenzi successfully defended a client in a fraudulent business scheme resulting in a sentence of time served.
- Mr. Mounce and Mr. Laurenzi have represented numerous businesses investigated by various federal agencies including the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the FBI.
- Mr. Mounce and Ms. Fondren represented individuals investigated by the criminal division of the IRS and successfully negotiated with Agents and Federal Prosecutors to drop their investigation.
- Mr. Mounce represented an individual accused of mass art forgery – selling forged art up and down the Mississippi River. The client was incarcerated for contempt of Court and Mr. Mounce secured his release.
- Mr. Mounce has also represented individuals in landmark Second Amendment matters before the United States District Court of North Dakota, the Western District of Tennessee, the District of Kansas, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Mr. Mounce has served as lead counsel for multiple criminal and civil trials in both State and Federal Court, securing numerous not guilty verdicts. He has also served as lead counsel for dozens of matters before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Mr. Mounce has served as co-counsel on a capital punishment matter.
- Mr. Mounce serves as chief legal counsel to the Independent Monitor, the Honorable Bernice B. Donald, and as a part of the Independent Monitoring Team for the City of Memphis Police Reform Initiative. He has also worked on Police Reform throughout Tennessee. Further, he has worked on Officer and Federal Agent Fourth Amendment issues and policies.
- Representative matters for local municipalities (Collierville, Germantown, LaGrange and Memphis) including zoning, voting, litigation and internal investigatory compliance matters.
- Mr. Mounce has also represented companies and individuals investigated by State Agencies and entities like the Tennessee Attorney General's Office and the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.



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PROFESSIONAL HONORS & ACTIVITIES

- Memphis Bar Association, Access to Representation Committee, 2026
- Tennessee Bar Association YLD, Publication Committee Chair, 2025-Present
- Tennessee Bar Association YLD, West Tennessee House Delegate, 2023-2025
- Named as a Top 20 under 30 young leader in Memphis, 2021
<https://www.memphisflyer.com/20-it-30-the-class-of-2021>
- Honorable Blake West Scholar, Tulane University
- Member of Pro Bono Krewe, Tulane University
- Senior Notes & Comments Editor, Tulane Law Journal, Tulane University
- Moot Court, winner of intercollegiate energy law symposium, Tulane University
- Founding member and student attorney, Tulane University First Amendment Clinic
- Research assistant to Professor Robert Sloan, Tulane University
- Clerking Intern for the Honorable John Fowlkes, United States District Court, Western District of Tennessee.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS OF NOTE

- B. Mounce, A Call for Public Defense, Tennessee Bar Journal, 2025
<https://www.tba.org/?pg=Articles&blAction=showEntry&blogEntry=121212>
- B. Mounce, The Executive's Orders, Commercial Appeal, 2025
<https://www.commercialappeal.com/opinion/>
- B. Mounce, The Sixth Circuit's Second Amendment Test, Memphis Lawyer, Memphis Bar Journal, 2025
- B. Mounce, A Call for Public Defense, Tennessee Bar Journal YLD, 2025
- B. Mounce, The Test after Williams, A Second Amendment Issue, University of St. Andrews Law Review, 2025 <https://www.standrewslawreview.com/post/the-test-after-williams>
- B. Mounce, Due Process, the Fourteenth Amendment and Donald Trump, Tennessean, 2023
<https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/contributors/2023/12/28/colorado-supreme-court-trump-presidential-ballot-constitution-due-process-5th-14th-amendments/72049528007/>
- B. Mounce, Our Worry in the Shadow: The Supreme Court and the Shadow Docket, Commercial Appeal, 2023 <https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/opinion/contributors/2023/01/30/supreme-court-shadow-docket-overuse-is-antithetical-to-constitution/69837677007/>
- B. Mounce, What makes the United States great?, The Fayette Falcon, 2021
- B. Mounce, Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning: Who pays the cataclysmic price?, Tulane Environmental Law Journal, 2021
- B. Mounce, Liberty at a Crossroad, Tennessean, 2020
<https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/2020/04/30/covid-19-puts-our-liberties-crossroads/3058091001/>