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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial & Business Litigation
- Intellectual Property, Information Technology & Media Law



BAR ADMISSIONS

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Tennessee, 2025

EDUCATION

- University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (*Magna Cum Laude*, J.D., 2024)
- Union University, Master of Education (M.Ed., 2014)
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville (B.S., Civil Engineering, 2009)

Nicholas Barnhart joined Burch, Porter and Johnson in 2026. His practice includes Commercial and Business Litigation. Prior to joining Burch, Porter and Johnson, Nick served as a Judicial Law Clerk to Justice Mary L. Wagner and Justice Holly M. Kirby, Tennessee Supreme Court.

A native Memphian, Nick is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (B.S. Civil Engineering, 2009), Union University (M. Ed., 2014), and the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (J.D., 2024). Before his legal career, Nick worked as a project manager for Barnhart Crane and Rigging and as a science teacher for The Soulsville Charter School and Melrose High School.



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PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Business Editor, Vol. 54, The University of Memphis Law Review (2023-2024)
- Staff, Vol. 53, The University of Memphis Law Review (2022-2023)
- Pupil, American Inns of Court (2023-2024)
- Treasurer, Federal Bar Association, Student Chapter (2023-2024)
- President, Federal Bar Association, Student Chapter (2023-2024)
- CALI Award, Land Use Law, Fall 2023
- Dean's Writing Fellow, 2022-2023
- CALI Award, Administrative Law, Fall 2022
- CALI Award, Income Taxation I, Fall 2022
- CALI Award, National Security Law, Fall 2022
- CALI Award, Legal Methods I, Fall 2021
- CALI Award, Legal Methods II, Spring 2022
- Dean's Award - Outstanding Memorandum, Legal Methods I, Fall 2021
- Dean's Award - Outstanding Trial Brief, Legal Methods II, Spring 2022
- Faculty Emeritus Scholarship
- Judge W. Fred Axley Scholarship
- U.S. Customs House Scholarship

EXPERIENCE

- Summer Associate - Burch, Porter and Johnson, PLLC (2023)
- Judicial Law Clerk, The Chambers of Chief Justice Holly M. Kirby, Tennessee Supreme Court (2025 -2026)
- Intern, The Chambers of Chief Justice Holly M. Kirby, Tennessee Supreme Court (2022)
- Judicial Law Clerk, The Chambers of Justice Mary L. Wagner, Tennessee Supreme Court (2024-2025)
- Extern, The Chambers of Magistrate Judge Tu Pham, Federal District Court (2023)
- Graduate Assistant, Career Services Office, University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (2023 - 2024)
- Science Teacher, The Soulsville Charter School (2015 - 2021)
- Science Teacher, Melrose High School (2014 - 2015)
- Resident Teacher, Memphis Teacher Residency, The Soulsville Charter School (2013-2014)
- Project Manager, Barnhart Crane & Rigging (2010-2013)
- Assistant Estimator, J.A. Fielden Co. (2009-2010)

PUBLICATIONS

- Nicholas Barnhart, Student Note, *"Home is where the Carbon Is: Using the Tax Code to reduce Carbon Emissions in the Residential Sector."*, The University of Memphis Law Review, Vol. 54