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PRACTICE AREAS

- Personal Injury Litigation
- Products Liability

Les Jones' practice focuses on plaintiff's personal injury cases, primarily in the areas of medical malpractice and nursing home litigation. He has also litigated plaintiff's Title VII cases, premises liability cases, automobile and trucking accidents, and roll-over cases.

Les Jones began his practice at the firm in 1989 and has been a member since 1997. He was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in October 2013.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- In 2005, Mr. Jones represented a plaintiff in obtaining one of the largest jury verdicts ever awarded in a medical malpractice case in Tennessee, *Palanki v. Vanderbilt*.
- In 2012, the Tennessee Court of Appeals upheld a jury verdict in *Gaw v. Vanderbilt*, involving a minor child who had undergone bladder exstrophy surgery.
- In Fall 2012, Mr. Jones obtained a verdict in a medical malpractice case in Western Tennessee in excess of \$800,000, *Hutcherson v. Dr. Caylor*.
- In January 2013, Mr. Jones and [Tannera Gibson](#) represented a plaintiff in obtaining a verdict in a medical malpractice case in Shelby County for more than \$1.3 Million Dollars, *Martin v. Campbell Clinic*.
- In February, 2015, Mr. Jones, Tannera Gibson and David Goodman represented a plaintiff in obtaining a verdict in a medical malpractice case in Shelby County for \$750,000.00, *Smith v. UTMG*.
- In May of 2017, Mr. Jones, [David Goodman](#) and former Burch, Porter & Johnson partner Todd Rose obtained a jury verdict in favor of the plaintiff in a medical malpractice case in rural West Tennessee.

EDUCATION

- Emory University (LL.M., 1989)
- University of Memphis (J.D., 1988); Staff member, *Memphis State University Law Review* (1987-1988)
- Tennessee Technological University, University of Tennessee (B.A., 1981)

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Named *Best Lawyers®* "Lawyer of the Year" for Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs in the Memphis area (2024)
- Named *Best Lawyers®* "Lawyer of the Year" for Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs in the Memphis area (2017)
- Named *Best Lawyers®* "Lawyer of the Year" for Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs in the Memphis area (2015)
- Named to the *Best Lawyers in America®* list in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs, Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs and Professional Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs (2008 - 2024)



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- Named to the "Top 100 Tennessee Super Lawyers" list (2008-2020)
- Named to the "Top 50 Memphis Super Lawyers" list(2007-2020)
- Named to theMid-South Super Lawyers list in the area of Personal Injury/Medical Malpractice:Plaintiff (2006-2020)
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, Memphis Bar Foundation
- Barrister, American Inns of Court, Leo Bearman, Sr. Chapter (1995-1998)
- Director, Young Lawyers Division, Memphis Bar Association (1991)
- Member, Board of Directors, Memphis State University Moot Court (1987-1988)
- Finalist, Regional Competition, National Mock Trial Team (1987 and 1988)
- Winning Counsel, Advanced Moot Court Competition, Law Clerk to Criminal Court Judges, Memphis, Tennessee (1986-1987)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF NOTE

- Author, Comment,Cleckner v. Dale,Admissibility of Expert Testimony on Standard of Care in Legal Malpractice Cases, 18 MEM. ST. U. L. REV. 555 (1989)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Board of Directors, ExploreFaith.com (2003- 2010)
- Chairman, Metropolitan Board of Directors, YMCA of the Mid-South (2002 – 2004)
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Shelby County Books from Birth

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Tennessee, 1988

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Tennessee Bar Association

Memphis Bar Association