

Anthony “Bud” A. Jackson

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Arguing all my life, having eight older brothers, and defending myself, it was never a question about what I was going to do. Litigation is a confluence of flexibility, advocacy, and intellectual capacity.

Bud Jackson, nationally recognized for his litigation success, has tried cases all across the country. He has been the lead attorney for complex commercial litigation related to business and contract disputes in high stakes situations with nearly a billion dollars on the line. He vigorously advocates for clients in product liability cases for heavy equipment, construction equipment, firearms, computers, vehicles, and other products. He also represents news organizations, TV stations, and publishers in their decisions related to defamation, access to public records, efforts to close official proceedings, and defending reporters. He has built a strong network of expert witnesses and has embraced the evolving electronic world. He stays up to date on implications of employee actions on e-discovery and metadata evidence.

Bud has extensive federal court experience around the country and has been specially admitted to practice in numerous states. He has defended clients in litigation with \$100 million at stake. Some of his clients' jury trials have taken place in New York, Philadelphia, South Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, West Virginia, Minnesota, Montana, Ohio, and Illinois. Bud realizes litigation can be a costly option for dispute resolution and remains cognizant of fees throughout the entire case. He is loyal to his clients' business interests and defends them with integrity. Equally important, he advises them on how to prevent future claims and how to resolve current matters in creative way. He knows lawsuits can be a huge distraction, which is why his number one goal is to get his clients back to running their businesses.

Experience

Often defends a large publicly traded manufacturer of heavy equipment in multi-million dollar product liability cases around the country

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Coverage and Claims
- Intellectual Property and Media Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Media Litigation
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Product Liability Defense

Industries

- Food and Beverage
- Manufacturing
- Media, Publishing, and Entertainment
- Transportation and Logistics

Admissions

- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

Frequently represents media clients in matters ranging from large defamation actions, to defending reporters from subpoenas, to forcing courtrooms to remain open for media clients

Currently defending product liability actions across the country for several large publicly traded and privately held manufacturers

Has tried cases in venues as large as New York City (in federal and state court) and Philadelphia, and as small as rural Alabama and West Virginia

Frequently works with local attorneys for national clients who are facing legal actions around the country and even around the globe (most recently in the Republic of Kazakhstan, France, Turkey and the U.K.)

Associations

Professional

- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Tennessee Coalition for Open Government

Bar Associations

- Tennessee Bar Association, Communication Law Section, Executive Council
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Pro Bono

- Recently represented a widow whose roof was destroyed and her low-cost insurance was inadequate to cover the repairs. Worked with the insurance company in providing additional benefits and enlisted the help of a local building contractor willing to make the needed repairs at a significant discount.

Noteworthy

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation – First Amendment, Media Law, Product Liability Law – Defendants
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Civil Rights/First Amendment, Media/Advertising, 2012-2022
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated
- *BTI Client Service All-Stars in Complex Litigation*, The BTI Consulting Group, 2015, 2012, 2011
- Augustine John McDonough Law Review Prize
- American Jurisprudence Award, Trial Practice, Legal Research and Writing, and Bankruptcy

Community

- Chattanooga Area Food Bank, Vice President; former Board Member
- Chattanooga Christian School, Board of Directors
- Kiwanis Club – North River, former Secretary

- J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law, 1990
- B.A., The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, magna cum laude, 1987

- Tennessee Coalition on Open Government

Sidebar

Bud is the youngest of nine brothers. He likes to think that if he can find a way to avoid being overpowered by eight older brothers while growing up, he can help identify solutions to win for his clients! Bud is a survivor. In 1997 he and his family survived a tornado that leveled the house around them. Their house was destroyed but they got out without a scratch. Hoping to avoid a repeat, ten years to the day later Bud and family decided to leave the country for vacation. On the first day of vacation, Bud suffered several broken bones and severe lacerations in a fall off a cliff and had to undergo emergency surgery—without anesthesia—in a field clinic in Honduras. He has advised people to stay away from him on the next tenth anniversary!