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From trial to mediation to risk prevention, I enjoy finding creative ways to help clients resolve conflict and preserve assets.

In over 35 years of practice, John has litigated or tried a broad range of cases. Today, he focuses primarily on commercial and intellectual property litigation and mediation. John has successfully prosecuted or defended claims involving patent, trademark and/or copyright infringement, trade secret misappropriation, supplier-dealer issues, breach of warranty/contract, and product liability claims in numerous jurisdictions. He has handled cases with technologies ranging from heavy machinery to plastics, floor covering to siding, sporting goods to musical instruments, hazardous waste containment products to food products. John is listed as a mediator with the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator.

Presentations

- “Strategies in IP Mediation,” Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Assn, November, 2019
- “6th Circuit Cases Update,” Federal Bar Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee Chapter, August 2019
- “Implications of the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016” reprinted in American Intellectual Property Law Ass’n (AIPLA) Newsstand, May 13, 2016
- “Ethics and Patent Law: Subject Matter Conflicts and Other Concerns,” Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association, November 2015
- “Civil Practice, Procedure and Pointers,” Federal Bar Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee Chapter, December 2013

Experience

Following week-long arbitration in Houston, obtained award totally exonerating client for claim asserted under Texas manufacturer-dealer law

Services

- Advertising, Promotion, and Entertainment Law
- Arbitration, Mediation, and Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property and Media Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Media Litigation
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Patents
- Product Liability Defense
- Trade Secrets
- Trademarks, Service Marks, and Trade Names

Industries

- Communications, Technologies, and Utilities
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Textile

Admissions

- Georgia
- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of national tile manufacturer in product liability case

Obtained temporary restraining order and favorable settlement against individuals and companies arising from trade secret and non-compete issues

Successfully dissolved injunction entered against company relating to alleged theft of trade secrets

Obtained injunctive relief and favorable settlement for manufacturer of specialty carpet against competitor in trademark infringement case

Proactively advised clients on avoiding litigation of dealer distributor general business disputes and intellectual property disputes

Successfully settled patent infringement lawsuit on behalf of patent owner relating to heavy machinery

John Jackson is a Rule 31 General Civil Mediator. Click for more information on mediation.

Associations

Professional

- Rule 31 General Civil Mediator
- American Inns of the Court, Brock-Cooper Chapter
- American Intellectual Property Law Association

Bar Associations

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Lookout Mountain Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section
- State Bar of Georgia
- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section
- Federal Bar Association, Chattanooga Chapter, Board Member, 2018-2022

Pro Bono

- Former Legal Aid of East Tennessee; Volunteer Attorney, guardian ad litem, Juvenile Court

Noteworthy

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Advertising Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Pro Bono Excellence Award, 2013
- Finalist for Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2005
- Martindale-Hubbell® BV® Distinguished™ Peer Review Rated

- U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court Western District of Tennessee

Education

- J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law, 1989
- B.S., The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, magna cum laude, 1985
- The University of Tennessee, 1983

- Anderson Moot Court, Director
- American Jurisprudence Awards, State and Local Government and Trial Practice
- Order of the Barristers
- Chapin-Thomas Law Scholarship

Community

- Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, Board Member, 2017-Present; President, 2025-Present; Vice President, 2023-2024; Secretary, 2021-2023; Governance Committee Chair, 2023-2024; Community Support Committee, Chair, 2021-2023
- Saint Francis Children's Foundation, Inc., Vice-President, 2021
- City of Chattanooga Youth and Family Development Department, Board Member, 2016-2019
- Community Reconciliation, Inc. (VORP), Board Member, 2017-2018
- United Way Allocation Panel, Prior Panel Member
- Street Law Program with high school students, 2007-2010
- Notre Dame High School, Board Member, 2011-2016
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church/Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Choir Member/Cantor
- Boy Scouts of America, Former Cubmaster

Sidebar

John has lived in Tennessee his whole life, except for when he made the big move to Cincinnati for law school. Naturally, he's a Tennessee Vols fan! At home, John enjoys spending time with his wife and family. They like venturing outdoors and taking hikes. He and his wife also make time to travel; one of their favorite trips was to London in 2022 where they recorded music at Abbey Road Studios.