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Brigid M. Carpenter is a trial attorney whose practice includes products liability defense, catastrophic personal injury defense, defense of class actions, and prosecution and defense of commercial disputes.

Ms. Carpenter has tried more than 20 cases in federal and state courts throughout Tennessee and other jurisdictions. She has represented clients before the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Tennessee Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Ms. Carpenter is the former office managing shareholder in Baker Donelson's Nashville office. She was honored to serve on the faculty of the 42nd annual IADC Trial Academy at Stanford Law School in July 2014.



Case Studies

- [Successfully Defended Energy Client in Breach of Contract Trial](#) - Breach of Contract Litigation



Representative Matters

- Lead Tennessee trial counsel for a pharmaceutical company in an opioid litigation case.
- Representing an auto manufacturer in consumer class actions as well as supplier disputes.
- Representing insurers in first-party extra-contractual and bad faith lawsuits.
- Lead trial counsel in obtaining defense verdicts in several cases alleging negligence against insurance agents.
- Lead trial counsel in a wrongful death premises liability case related to a security guard shooting.
- Co-counsel in trial of a wrongful death product liability case related to airbag non-deployment.
- Counsel for an entertainment establishment owner in a highly publicized wrongful death claim.
- Lead Counsel for the world's largest manufacturer of store-brand over-the-counter drugs in all phenylpropanolamine (PPA) litigation in Tennessee.
- Lead counsel in a catastrophic personal injury premises liability case involving traumatic brain injury to a senior citizen.
- Lead counsel in a catastrophic personal injury products liability case involving extensive third-degree burns to a minor.
- Represented automobile manufacturers, outdoor cooking products manufacturers, elevator manufacturers and automatic door manufacturers in personal-injury products liability actions.



Professional Honors & Activities

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (Highest rating of 5.0)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* as a leading Litigation: General Commercial lawyer in Tennessee (2021 – 2025)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2012 – 2025); Commercial Litigation (2014 – 2025); Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants (2017 – 2025); Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2018 – 2025); Bet-the-Company Litigation (2024 – 2025)
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2022 Product Liability Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Nashville
- Listed in *The International Who's Who of Product Liability Defence Lawyers* (2016, 2019, 2020, 2024)
- Selected to Mid-South Super Lawyers in Business Litigation (2017 – 2024)

- Listed as among top 50 females in the Mid-South, top 50 attorneys in Nashville, and top 100 attorneys in Tennessee by Mid-South Super Lawyers (2022 – 2024)
- Listed in Mid-South Rising Stars (2008 – 2010)
- Listed in *Nashville Post's* "In Charge: Legal" (2022, 2023)
- Chosen as "The Best of the Bar" by the *Nashville Business Journal* (2013, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Recognized as a "Women of Influence" by the *Nashville Business Journal* (2018)
- Named among Nashville's "Most Admired CEOs" by the *Nashville Business Journal* in the Local Office/Operation category (2018)
- Member – American, Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations
- Board of Directors – Nashville Bar Association (2018 – 2021)
- Member – International Association of Defense Counsel
 - Faculty Member, 42nd Annual IADC Trial Academy (July – August 2014)
 - Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee (Vice Chair of Membership, 2014 – 2015; Vice Chair of Newsletters, 2012 – 2014)
 - Product Liability Committee (Vice Chair of Communications, 2013 – 2015; Vice Chair of Membership, 2012 – 2013)
- Member – DRI
- Hearing Committee Member, District V, Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee (2012 – 2015)
- Master of the Bench, Harry Phillips American Inn of Court (2013 – 2017)



Publications

- "What You Need to Know About Bartlett and In Re: Whirlpool Corp.: Two Important Decisions that May Affect Your Practice," *IADC Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee Newsletter* (August 2013)
- "The Shirt Off My Back: Using the Relationship Between a Product and a Service to Your Advantage," *IADC Product Liability Committee Newsletter* (November 2012)
- "Litigation: Attorney-client privilege needs special considerations when companies are bought and sold," InsideCounsel.com (November 2012)
- "Litigation: Two is not always a crowd," InsideCounsel.com (October 2012)



Speaking Engagements

- "Dynamics of Trial," American Contractors Insurance Group Safety/Claims Management Workshop (September 2021)
- "Mock Trial of Disciplinary Hearing," Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility 2019 Ethics Workshop (October 2019)
- "Mock Trial of Disciplinary Hearing," Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility 2018 Ethics Workshop (November 2018)
- "Will the Proposed Amendments Bring the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure into the 21st Century?," IADC Midyear Meeting: Product Liability Committee (February 2014)
- "Will the Proposed Amendments Bring the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure into the 21st Century?," webinar (March 2012)
- "Class Action Waivers in Arbitration Clauses After *AT&T v. Concepcion*," CLE presentation (December 2011)



Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1996
 - *Virginia Environmental Law Journal*, Editorial Board Member

- University of Tennessee, B.S. in Communications, 1992, summa cum laude



Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- Tennessee, 1996