



## Brigid M. Carpenter

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Brigid M. Carpenter, office managing shareholder in the Nashville office, is a trial attorney whose practice includes products liability defense, catastrophic personal injury defense, and prosecution and defense of commercial disputes.

Ms. Carpenter has tried cases in federal and state courts throughout Tennessee and before administrative agencies of the State of Tennessee. She has also represented clients before the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Tennessee Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Recently, Ms. Carpenter 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 Eco-Energy in Breach of Contract Trial](#) - Breach of Contract Litigation



### Representative Matters

- Represented the world's largest manufacturer of store-brand over-the-counter drugs in all phenylpropanolamine (PPA) litigation in Tennessee.
- Represented medical device manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, outdoor cooking products manufacturers, elevator manufacturers and automatic door manufacturers in products liability actions.
- Won a jury trial in a federal forgery case on behalf of a home mortgage client after successfully excluding an opposing expert.
- Obtained complete defense verdict in state court in a four-day trial against an insurance client. The case had been ongoing for six years and had been to the Tennessee Court of Appeals and back twice.
- Received affirmance by the Tennessee Supreme Court of the trial court's summary judgment decision awarding commission to a real estate brokerage client.
- Represented national retailers in both malicious prosecution and personal injury cases.
- Represented health insurance companies and managed care organizations in complex commercial litigation.
- Represented a fire extinguisher and fire systems service company involving a fire that occurred in a manufacturing facility located in Newport, Tennessee. Plaintiffs asserted allegations of negligence, breach of contract, breach of warranty and other causes of action. The damages alleged by plaintiffs were in excess of \$31.5 million.



### Professional Honors & Activities

- AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (Highest rating of 5.0)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> in the areas of Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2012 – 2021); Commercial Litigation (2014 – 2021); Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants (2017 – 2021); Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2018 – 2021)
- Listed in *The International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers* (2016, 2019, 2020)
- Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* in Business Litigation (2017 – 2020)
- Listed in *Mid-South Rising Stars* (2008 – 2010)
- Chosen as "The Best of the Bar" by the *Nashville Business Journal* (2013, 2014, 2018)

- 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)
- 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 (Appointed March 2012)
- Master of the Bench, Harry Phillips American Inn of Court (2013 – 2014)

## 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

- "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