



Austin K. Purvis

Associate

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Austin K. Purvis works with clients in consumer banking and financial disputes, commercial torts, and general business and commercial litigation.

Mr. Purvis has represented clients in a wide variety of business and commercial litigation disputes, including claims asserting violations of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA). He has also represented clients in class action litigation in both state and federal courts. This experience includes the defense of a nationwide grocer in class actions alleging a systematic practice of mislabeling food products and violating FDA regulations.

In addition to his commercial litigation practice, Mr. Purvis also represents estates and beneficiaries in will contests and other probate court matters. He routinely defends clients against common law claims, such as breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, conversion, negligence, tortious interference, inducement of breach of contract, civil conspiracy and fraud.

Representative Matters

- Achieved complete dismissal for a national grocery chain in a state-wide, consumer fraud class action alleging the systematic mislabeling of organic food products. The case was removed to federal court pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act. After subsequently filing a Motion to Dismiss based on federal preemption of the plaintiff's claims, the plaintiff voluntarily nonsuited the case and never refiled.
- Won dismissal in federal court for a global medical device company based on preemption of plaintiffs' tort claims.
- Obtained dismissal for a financial institution in a case involving a probate estate's claims for improper distribution of probate and estate funds.
- Obtained dismissal for a national grocery chain in a consumer fraud class action based on the mislabeling of organic food products.
- Represented a national funeral home corporation in a state court class action based on the mishandling of corpses by a local cemetery.
- Obtained the dismissal of a fabricated will on behalf of an estate in a will contest in which the surviving spouse challenged the will admitted to probate by the executor of the estate.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Named a *Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" in Commercial Litigation (2021)
- Member – Tennessee Bar Association
- Member – Memphis Bar Association
- Member – Nashville Bar Association
- Named an Attorney for Justice by the Tennessee Supreme Court (2018)

Education

- University of Tennessee College of Law, J.D., 2013, cum laude
 - Order of the Barristers
 - Research Editor, *Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law*
 - Recipient – 2013 McClung Medal for Excellence in Moot Court

- Recipient – 2013 Judge James M. Haynes Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Moot Court
- Recipient – 2012 Tennessee Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy
- Vice Chair, Moot Court Executive Board
- Middle Tennessee State University, B.S. Political Science, 2010, magna cum laude
 - Graduate of University Honors College with distinction



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2013
- United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2014
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2016
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 2016