



Ryan A. Strain

Of Counsel

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Ryan Strain advises large corporations, financial institutions, governmental entities, small businesses and individuals in a broad variety of litigation and other matters.

Mr. Strain has represented clients in cases involving breaches of contract, business torts, products liability, premises liability, personal injury, professional liability, residential mortgage disputes, motor vehicle accidents, estate and trust disputes, and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. He has experience in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels.

In addition to his litigation experience, Mr. Strain has counseled clients on various matters, including the Fair Credit Reporting Act, compliance with city ordinances, website terms of use and privacy policies, and general business matters. Mr. Strain also serves as the Pro Bono Chair for Baker Donelson's Memphis office.

Before graduating from Vanderbilt University Law School, Mr. Strain served as an extern for the Office of the District Attorney General for Shelby County, Tennessee.



Representative Matters

- Obtained a judgment in favor of a health care services provider on a breach of contract claim in a bench trial.
- Successfully defended a service contract provider in a bench trial involving claims for breach of contract, breach of warranty, fraud, misrepresentation, violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, and negligence.
- Part of trial team in a case involving claims of intentional interference with a contract.
- Managed local counsel's representation of client in multiple states.
- Successfully represented a medical device manufacturer in coordinated state court products liability proceedings.
- Successfully defended a service company in a putative class action alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- Counseled a financial services company regarding subpoenas issued in multiple jurisdictions throughout the country.
- Counseled a health care industry client regarding website terms of use and privacy policy.
- Obtained dismissal of fraud and interference with business relationship claims asserted against a corporation.
- Part of team that obtained dismissal of breach of contract and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing claims asserted against individuals.
- Successfully represented a large retailer and other commercial clients in premises liability actions.
- Post-*Matter of A-B-*, successfully represented a mother and her three children who had fled domestic violence in their home country in obtaining asylum.
- Successfully resolved, at mediation and prior to extensive litigation, a dispute between investors in a film.
- Obtained dismissal of a legal malpractice action on the basis of Tennessee's three-dismissal rule.
- Obtained dismissal of action asserting assorted tort claims against legal professionals.
- Successfully moved to strike class allegations in a Telephone Consumer Protection Act case on the bases of adequacy, typicality, and predominance.

- Part of a team that, on appeal of a case initially tried by other firms, successfully secured a ruling to vacate an approximate \$17 million jury verdict and remand the case for a new trial.
- Successfully recovered more than \$95,000 from a contractor who wrongfully abandoned a residential renovation and construction project.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Baker Donelson Memphis Office Pro Bono Chair
- Member – Germantown Board of Education
 - Vice Chairman (2025)
 - Chairman (2023 – 2024)
 - Liaison to City of Germantown, Tennessee, Education Commission (2023 – 2025)
 - Legislative Representative (2021 – 2022)
- Member – Memphis and Tennessee Bar Associations
- Member – Tennessee Council of School Board Attorneys
- Recipient – Baker Donelson Memphis Office Lewis Donelson Public Service Award (2025)
- Tennessee Bar Association Public Service Academy (Class of 2022)
- Board Secretary – Operation Broken Silence (2018 – 2021)
- First Evangelical Church Memphis Ministries Team
- Leadership Germantown (Class of 2019)
- Member – Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Foster Care Review Board (2018 – 2019)
- Member – City of Germantown, Tennessee, Historic Commission (2018 – 2019)
- United Way Allocations Agency/Program Review (2011 – 2013, 2015 – 2019)
- Recipient – Baker Donelson Memphis Office Pro Bono Attorney of the Year (2018)
- Memphis Grizzlies Charitable Foundation TEAM Mentoring Program (2012 – 2013)
- Reporter – *ABA Annual Franchise and Distribution Law Developments* (2009)



Speaking Engagements

- Presenter – "Inspiring School Board Excellence as Chairman – School Board Responsibilities, Legislative Advocacy, and the Tennessee Education Freedom Act of 2025," Leadership Germantown (December 2024)
- Speaker – Germantown Municipal School District Softball Complex Ribbon Cutting (April 2023)
- Speaker – Houston Middle School Addition Ribbon Cutting (January 2023)
- Presenter – "School Board Legislative Advocacy," Leadership Germantown (March 2022)



Webinars

- Injunctions, Standing, and Multi-State Classes – Oh My! (August 2025)



Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2008
 - Notes Editor – *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law*
- University of Memphis, B.A., 2005, summa cum laude



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2008
- Western District of Tennessee, 2009
- Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2014
- Eastern District of Arkansas, 2017
- Western District of Arkansas, 2017

- Eastern District of Tennessee, 2022
- Middle District of Tennessee, 2023