



## William West

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William West concentrates his practice in state regulatory issues and civil litigation, primarily related to health care.

In addition to extensive representation of clients with issues relating to certificates of need and other state and federal health care regulatory matters, Mr. West has been counsel for the prevailing party in such cases as: *Air Evac EMS, Inc. v. Tennessee Board of Emergency Medical Services et al*, 486 F.Supp. 2d 713 (M.D. Tenn. 2007); *Souder v. Health Partners, Inc.*, 997 S.W.2d 140 (Tenn. App. 1998); *Charter Lakeside v. Health Facilities Commission*, 1997 Tenn. App. Lexis 598; *Odle v. Tenn. Dept. of Health*, Tenn. App. Lexis 108 (1993); and *Jordan v. Dellway Villa*, 661 F.2d 588 (6th Cir. 1981), cert. den. 455 U.S. 1008 (1982). Mr. West also represented the THA in *Tenn. Hosp. Ass'n v. Azar*, 908 F3d 1029 (6th Cir. 2018).

Mr. West has a wide range of experience in developing innovative regulatory and litigation strategies for clients, including utilizing the Tennessee Sunshine Act to restore PPO provider status for a client physician; successfully prosecuting a federal preemption challenge to state air ambulance regulations; and being lead counsel for a successful plaintiff class in the first reported class action for damages tried to conclusion under the federal Fair Housing Act.



### Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> since 2005; Health Care Law
- Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* in Health Care (2012 – 2014)
- Named as a Leading Health Care Attorney by *Legal Media Group* (2006)
- Chairman – Administrative Law Section, Tennessee Bar Association (2007 – 2008)
- Member – American Health Law Association
- Member – Tennessee and American Bar Associations
- Executive Director – Tennessee Health Facilities Commission (1986 – 1987)
- General Counsel – Tennessee Health Facilities Commission (1985 – 1986)
- Law Clerk to Honorable Kirby Matherne, Tennessee Court of Appeals (1976 – 1977)



### Publications

- "New Medicaid DSH Audit Guidance: Its Impact on Pending and Recent State DSH Audits" (January 2019)



### Education

- Vanderbilt University, M.B.A., 1986
- University of Tennessee, J.D., 1976
- Yale University, B.A., 1972



### Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court, 1982
- Tennessee, 1976