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Lang Wiseman provides strategic guidance and litigation counsel to help clients successfully navigate the complex challenges and opportunities at the intersection of business, government, law, media, and policy.

Mr. Wiseman provides strategic guidance on legal, political, and legislative matters to clients with a wide range of business interests, including manufacturing, governmental entities, educational institutions, and municipalities. He frequently represents clients in legal matters concerning commercial litigation, construction and lien disputes, professional and product liability, government relations and investigations, and crisis management and counseling.

From 2019 to 2021, Mr. Wiseman served as Deputy Governor and Chief Counsel to Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, acting as a liaison between Governor Lee's office, the legislature, and the various departments and agencies in state government. As Chief Counsel and the state's Chief Ethics Officer, Mr. Wiseman coordinated the legal and regulatory affairs of the executive branch and advised Governor Lee on legal, political, and legislative matters. He assisted in development, drafting, and implementation of legislation and worked closely with the judiciary and the attorney general and reporter. He was also responsible for assisting Governor Lee with judicial appointments, requests for executive clemency, and implementation of economic development programs at the state level, including legislation to enact incentive packages for a multinational automobile manufacturer.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Wiseman was a founding partner at the Memphis law firm Wiseman Bray PLLC where he developed significant experience in the areas of business and commercial litigation, bank litigation and workouts, advising closely held businesses, insurance coverage disputes, professional liability and catastrophic injury claims, wrongful death litigation, construction litigation and lien disputes, election law and government relations, and defending municipal and governmental entities against claims under the Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act.

Mr. Wiseman is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed Civil Mediator. He previously served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, as well as a law clerk to the Honorable Harry W. Wellford of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Representative Matters

- Successfully contested a mayoral election in a town in Tennessee, voiding the mayoral race.
- Successfully contested an election to overturn a referendum defeat and affirmatively declare passage of the referendum.
- Served as lead counsel in historic election contest and vote of the Tennessee State Senate to void the election of a member.
- Negotiated a successful, seven-figure confidential settlement of cyber fraud insurance coverage and a bad faith claim.
- Represented a large regional bank in multiple ongoing insurance recovery litigation matters involving bankers' professional liability and Directors and Officers Liability Insurance coverages.

- Successfully prosecuted and negotiated a \$1.8 million settlement of a construction site injury claim utilizing a little-used exception allowing pursuit of a separate tort claim against a fellow subcontractor despite vigorous denial and defense by the subcontractor's insurance company.
- Achieved a successful settlement in a wrongful death trucking accident claim.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Governor's Designee – State Board of Equalization (Tennessee) (2019 – present)
- Member – Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives, Board of Directors (2019 – present)
- Member – University of Tennessee Board of Trustees (2018 – 2019)
- Member – Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments (2015 – 2018)
- Vice-Chair – Advisory Commission to the Tennessee Supreme Court on Rules of Practice and Procedure (2017)
- Member – Tennessee State Board of Education, District 8 (2017)
- Director and Corporate Secretary – Memphis-Shelby County Sports Authority (Appointed by Mayor Mark Luttrell) (2012 – 2015)
- Chair – Campaign to Elect District Attorney Amy Weirich (2012, 2014)
- Chair – Republican Party of Shelby County (2009 – 2011)
- Member – American Bar Association
- Member – Tennessee Bar Association
- Member – Memphis Bar Association (Board of Directors, 2006 – 2007; 2011 – 2012)
- Fellow – Memphis Bar Foundation
- Fellow – Tennessee Bar Foundation
- Member – The Federalist Society
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in Commercial Litigation in 2011 and Government Relations Practice in 2021
- Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* for Personal Injury (2012 – 2019)
- AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed in *Nashville Post's* "2022 In Charge: Legal"
- Named "Power Player" by *MBQ: Inside Memphis Magazine* (2013)



Speaking Engagements

- Co-presenter – "Banking and Financial Industry Trends for In-House Counsel," Webinar (August 2022)



Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 1996, with honors
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville, B.S., 1993, summa cum laude
 - Co-Captain, UT Basketball Team (1989 – 1993)



Admissions

- Tennessee, 1997
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2001
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1997
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1997
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 2022
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, 2022
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 1998
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 2017

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, 2017