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TJ Mihill is a Member in the firm's Atlanta office where his practice focuses on intellectual property, business law and litigation, construction, fiduciary law, and estate and probate matters. TJ is experienced in arbitration, mediation and negotiation as well as traditional litigation. As a licensed neutral, he has mediated over 150 cases. He is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group.

TJ represents individuals and corporations in the registration of copyrights and trademarks, as well as handling trademark and copyright infringement claims, trade secret violations, and cybersquatting actions. He is particularly active in internet and video game law. In addition to representing video game designers and game design companies, TJ has litigated infringement actions in state and federal courts on behalf of authors, artists, and musicians. He also represents clients in licensing and royalty disputes.

TJ represents clients in litigation, mediation, and arbitration at the state and federal level, both throughout Georgia and nationwide. His practice covers a wide variety of business litigation issues, including actions to enforce or defend against restrictive covenants, professional liability, shareholder disputes, and various breach of contract, tort, and fraud actions. TJ also practices in the area of real property law with experience in premises liability actions, easement issues, and commercial and residential landlord/tenant disputes.

Additionally, TJ represents contractors, subcontractors, and property owners in construction disputes, including actions relating to mechanic's and materialmen's liens. He has handled numerous defective construction claims from initial compliance with the Georgia Right to Repair Act through arbitration or trial.

# CAPABILITIES

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## Practice Areas

- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Business Services
- Construction
- Copyrights
- Fiduciary Duty, Trade Secret & Unfair Competition Litigation
- Gaming
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Telecommunications, Technology & Internet Law
- Trademarks
- Trusts & Estates

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- AI & Copyright (Intellectual Property Breakout)  
Speaker, 2024 DRI Business and Intellectual Property Litigation Super Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 20-22, 2024
- Is That Tattoo Infringing? The Complicated Copyright Questions Surrounding Tattoos Stites & Harbison Client Alert, February 15, 2024
- Georgia's Right to Repair Act and What it Means to Your Clients  
co-speaker, Construction Law for the General Practitioner, State Bar of Georgia, January 26, 2024
- Copyright, trademark, and licensing for artists  
Speaker, Alpha Arts Guild, Alpharetta, GA, September 11, 2023
- What Does Title IX Say About Trans Students in Sports?  
co-speaker, Dragon Con, Atlanta, September 3, 2023
- Copyright and AI  
Moderator, Dragon Con, Atlanta, September 2, 2023
- IP vs. PR: Lessons From the Dungeons and Dragons Open Game License Controversy Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 23, 2023
- The Twelve Days of I.P. Christmas with *James Hayne* , *Gary N. Stewart (Nick)* , *Joel T. Beres* , *B. Aaron Schulman* , *Jeffrey A. Haeberlin* , and *Patrick M. Torre* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 14, 2022
- SMART Act: Mandated Copyright Filters  
Dragon Con, September 4, 2022
- Importance of Digital Ownership in the Metaverse  
Dragon Con, September 3, 2022
- Social Media, Censorship, and the First Amendment  
Dragon Con, September 3, 2022
- Virtual/Streaming Programming as a Means of Marketing  
Dragon Con, September 1, 2022

- When Can a Trademark Owner Take Action for Unauthorized Use of its Trademark Online?  
myLawCLE.com, July 29, 2022
- *NCAA v. Alston*: How the Recent Supreme Court Ruling has Transformed College Sports  
co-speaker, 2022 DRI Business Litigation and Intellectual Property Litigation Super Conference,  
Houston, TX, March 22, 2022
- Louisville law firm announces big growth in Atlanta  
by Jason Thomas, *Louisville Business First*, January 27, 2022
- Stites & Harbison Grows Its Atlanta Office with the Addition of Owen Gleaton Attorneys  
*Franklins*, January 25, 2022
- 19 Attorneys Move to Stites & Harbison, Rapidly Growing Atlanta Team  
by Jacob Polacheck, *Daily Report*, January 25, 2022
- Stites & Harbison Adds 19 To Atlanta Team From 2 Firms *with Jack Rodgers Law360*, January  
24, 2022
- From Counter-Culture to Copyright: Tattoos and IP Law  
*ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Committee Newsletter*, Winter 2018
- Net Neutrality  
Electronic Frontiers Georgia, 2017
- Skin Deep: Copyright Issues in a Tattoo Culture  
State Bar of Georgia IP Section, 2017
- Lawsuit against Techdirt  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- Journalism & Freedom of the Press in the Trump Era  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- *Star Athletica v. Varsity Brands*  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- Legal, Litigation & Security Issues of Self-Driving Cars  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- *FBI v. Apple vs. Grey Hats and the Future of Encryption*  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2016

- Revenge Porn and Reputation Destroying Sites  
Dragon Con EFF, 2016
- CISA Cybersecurity Provisions in the 2016 Omnibus Budget Bill  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2016
- Employee and Officer Exposure to Construction Claims  
Construction Law for the General Practitioner, 2015
- Network Neutrality, the FCC, and Title II  
Dragon Con EFF Track 2015
- Legal and Practical Business Issues for Mobile Game Developers  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2015
- Digital Millennium Copyright Act - Hacking Automobiles and Other Vehicles  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2015
- Legal Issues for eBook Authors and Publishers  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2015
- Employee and Officer Exposure to Construction Claims  
*Construction Law for the General Practitioner*, 2009
- Revenge Porn and Reputation Destroying Sites: An Update  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2014
- Trademark Law Update  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2014
- Documentary: Terms and Conditions May Apply  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2014
- Aereo Supreme Court Case  
Dragon Con EFF Track, 2014
- Trademarks Without Borders: The Struggle to Establish Geographical Rights for Common Law Trademarks Used Online  
*Landslide Magazine*, 2014
- Trade Secrets  
*Computer Games and Virtual Worlds*, 2010

- Employee and Officer Exposure to Construction Claims  
Construction Law for the General Practitioner, 2009
- Employee and Officer Exposure to Construction Claims  
*Construction Law for the General Practitioner*, 2015

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- State Bar of Georgia , Member
- American Bar Association , Member
- Atlanta Bar Association , Member
- Georgia Game Developers Association , Member
- DRI , Member, Trademark SLG Chair

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Georgia Game Developers Association, Secretary, Board of Directors
- Boy Scouts of America, Committee Chair for Troop 2319; District Committee Chair for the Foothills District
- Georgia Entertainment Gala, Host Committee (2012-17)
- The Commerce Club

## EDUCATION

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Georgia State University College of Law J.D. *magna cum laude* 2004

- *Law Review*, Associate Editor

University of Central Florida M.A., English 2000

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, TJ was with a small litigation and corporate firm based in Atlanta, Georgia.

## ACCOLADES

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- **America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators®** (2018)
- *Georgia Super Lawyers®* Rising Star (2009-14)
- Avvo, 10.0 rating