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Josh Chesser is a Member of the firm based in the Nashville office. He concentrates his practice on construction law, business litigation, and transactional work. He has litigated numerous cases through appeal and handled matters in state and federal courts as well as in arbitration proceedings.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Construction
- Business Litigation
- Real Estate & Land Use Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals

REPORTED DECISIONS

- *Briggs & Stratton Power Products Group, LLC v. Osram Sylvania, Inc. and Quadrelle Realty Svcs., LLC*, 2017 WL 5992361, Dyer County Circuit Court, No. 2011-CV-47
- *Wesolowski v. Republic Parking System, LLC; Broad Street Land Co., LLC; Chattanooga Land Co., LLC*, Hamilton County Circuit Court, No. 19-C829
- *DH Companies, LLC v. Harmony Hospitality, LLC*, Davidson County Chancery Court, No. 20-0359
- *Factory Mutual Insurance Co. and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Div. of Risk and Ins. Svcs. v. City of Murray*, Calloway County Circuit Court, No. 19-CI-00143

- *Pierson v. Whitlock and Great White Express, LLC*, Maury County Chancery Court, No. 20-436

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Alabama
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. Supreme Court

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Stites & Harbison Opens Office in Huntsville**

by Sarah Zupko, *Huntsville Business Journal*, August 5, 2025 ,with [Joseph V. Ronderos Jr.](#) and [Kimberly Vines Ph.D.](#)

- **Stites & Harbison opens office in Huntsville, Ala.**

by Editor, *The Lane Report*, July 30, 2025

- **People on the Move in Nashville: Joshua K. Chesser**

by Editor, *Nashville Business Journal*, November 19, 2024

- **Liability in the Performance of Building Inspection Duties and Liabilities and Pitfalls in the Fire Protection Industry**

Presenter

- **2024 Southern Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference**

Chairperson, Clearwater, FL, April 24-26, 2024

- **Construction Failures: Warning Signs, Risk Mitigation, and Mitigating Loss when a Subcontractor Defaults**

North American Construction Summit, Las Vegas, NV, January 17-18, 2024

- **Protection and Discoverability of a Surety's Communications with Consultants and Principals**

2023 Northeast Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference, Atlantic City, NJ, September 21, 2023

- **Avoiding Pitfalls in Takeover, Tenders, and Completion Agreements Under Performance Bond Claims**

Presenter, Midwest Surety & Construction Claims Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2023

- **Getting Attorney Fees Paid**

Presenter, Thirty-Fourth Annual Southern Surety and Fidelity Claims Conference, Savannah, GA, March 29-31, 2023

- **Subcontractor Default Insurance**

Presenter, 2022 Southern Surety & Fidelity Claims Conference, Clearwater, FL, April 27-29, 2022

MEMBERSHIPS

- Alabama State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Greater Nashville Auburn Club, Member
- Nashville Junior Chamber, past Member

EDUCATION

- Tulane University Law School J.D., 2009
- Auburn University B.A., Political Science, 2006

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Josh gained experience in construction accounting, management, and operations during his time as an employee of his family's business, Shelby Contracting, Inc. in Huntsville, Alabama. While in law school,

Josh clerked for the United States Department of Justice and received a certification in mediation through the Intercultural Negotiation and Mediation program conducted by the Institut für Anwaltsrecht at the Humbolt University Law Faculty in Berlin, Germany. While in undergraduate school, he worked in the offices of Congressman Robert "Bud" Cramer, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the 5th District of Alabama, and Senator Ted Little, representing the 27th District of Alabama. Outside of practicing law, Josh enjoys coaching youth sports, traveling, and spending time with his family.