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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

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

- 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

- Deepfakes and Rights of Publicity in Politics and Private Life
  speaker (Webinar), The 35th All Ohio Annual Institute On Intellectual Property (AOAIOIP), October 16, 2025
- Starting a Business? Don’t Forget Your Intellectual Property!
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, September 26, 2025
- Navigating Convention Staffing
  panel member, 2025 GAMA Expo, Louisville, KY, February 23-27, 2025
- The Uncertain Future of the FTC Ban on Employment Non-Compete Agreements
  co-speaker, myLawCLE, February 19, 2025

- USPTO to Do a Deep Dive on Deepfakes
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, July 30, 2024
- 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 Joel T. Beres, Jeffrey A. Haeberlin, James Hayne, B. Aaron Schulman, Gary N. Stewart (Nick) 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 *,with Julie Comer Cahill*
- 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 *,with Derrick L. Bingham, Julie Comer Cahill, R. Ann Grier, Jennifer M. Guerra, Daniel B. Millman and Shannon M. Sprinkle*
- Stites & Harbison Grows Its Atlanta Office with the Addition of Owen Gleaton Attorneys

FranklinIs, January 25, 2022 ,*with Derrick L. Bingham, Julie Comer Cahill and R. Ann Grier*

- 19 Attorneys Move to Stites & Harbison, Rapidly Growing Atlanta Team
  by Jacob Polacheck, *Daily Report*, January 25, 2022 ,*with Derrick L. Bingham, Julie Comer Cahill, R. Ann Grier, Jennifer M. Guerra, Daniel B. Millman and Shannon M. Sprinkle*
- Stites & Harbison Adds 19 To Atlanta Team From 2 Firms
  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
- Journalism & Freedom of the Press in the Trump Era
  Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- Legal, Litigation & Security Issues of Self-Driving Cars
  Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- Lawsuit against Techdirt
  Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- Star Athletica v. Varsity Brands
  Dragon Con EFF Track, 2017
- FBI v. Apple vs. Grey Hats and the Future of Encryption
  Dragon Con EFF Track, 2016
- CISA Cybersecurity Provisions in the 2016 Omnibus Budget Bill
  Dragon Con EFF Track, 2016
- Revenge Porn and Reputation Destroying Sites
  Dragon Con EFF, 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

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 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

- Georgia State University College of Law J.D., *magna cum laude* 2004
- University of Central Florida M.A., English, 2000

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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

ACCOLADES

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