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Alex Carver represents businesses, executives, trade associations, and state and local governments in high-stakes litigation. He tries cases, argues appeals, and briefs complex legal issues in Tennessee and nationwide.

Alex litigates a wide range of business disputes—including contract, tort, and fiduciary?duty claims; restrictive?covenant disputes; and ownership and governance disputes—as well as challenges to government regulations for trade associations and regulated businesses, commercial real estate disputes, land?use and zoning disputes with local governments, antitrust cases, constitutional claims, and statutory interpretation issues. He regularly briefs and argues appeals and critical motions involving novel issues of state and federal law. He has represented clients at every level of the federal and state judiciaries, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and all Tennessee appellate courts. He also represents clients in arbitrations and in administrative proceedings before government agencies.

Before joining the firm, Alex served in the Tennessee Solicitor General's Office, where he handled appellate matters at all levels of the federal and state courts. He also advised state officials on significant legal matters.

Alex clerked for Chief Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Judge R. David Proctor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. He graduated *Order of the Coif* from Vanderbilt Law School, where he served as Editor in Chief of the Vanderbilt Law Review. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Carson-Newman University with majors in biochemistry, religion, and philosophy.

## Representative Experience

**Appellate Litigation**

U.S. Supreme Court

- *Mays v. Hines*, 592 U.S. 385 (2021) (summarily reversing the Sixth Circuit's grant of habeas relief based on alleged ineffective assistance of counsel)
- *Atkins v. Williams*, 141 S. Ct. 2512 (2021) (cert. denied) (opposing certiorari in challenge to Tennessee's hepatitis?C treatment protocol in state prisons)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

- *Bristol Reg'l Women's Ctr., P.C. v. Slatery*, 7 F.4th 478 (6th Cir. 2021) (en banc) (secured initial hearing en banc in constitutional challenge to state law; the en banc court upheld the law)
- *Hill v. Shoop*, 11 F.4th 373 (6th Cir. 2021) (en banc) (represented 12 states as amicus curiae in habeas case before the en banc Sixth Circuit)

Tennessee Supreme Court

- *Newsom v. Tennessee Republican Party*, 647 S.W.3d 382 (Tenn. 2022) (represented candidate in congressional ballot-access litigation)
- *State v. Booker*, 656 S.W.3d 49 (Tenn. 2022) (represented the State of Tennessee before Tennessee Supreme Court in constitutional challenge to sentencing laws)
- *Trentham v. Mid-Am. Apartments, LP*, 705 S.W.3d 151, 154 (Tenn. 2025) (filed amicus brief for local?government amici in a significant premises?liability case)

Tennessee Court of Appeals

- *Campbell v. Karsner*, No. M2024-01127-COA-R3-CV (Tenn. Ct. App.) (appointed by the Governor of Tennessee to defend the General Assembly's Office of Legislative Administration in open-records litigation. **Oral argument**.
- *OldSmith Group, LLC v. Mosby Cool Springs, LLC*, No. M2022-01584-COA-R3-CV (Tenn. Ct. App.) (represented real estate developer in $12 million real estate dispute; obtained affirmance of judgment of specific performance). **Oral argument**.
- *The Wise Group, Inc. v. Holland*, M2023-00366-COA-R3-CV (Tenn. Ct. App.) (represented appellants in case of first impression under Tennessee Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act; obtained reversal of judgment against clients). **Oral argument**.
- *Pirtle v. The Tunney Group, LLC*, No. M2023-01830-COA-R3-CV (Tenn. Ct. App.) (hired as appellate counsel to represent appellant in construction litigation appeal). **Oral argument**.
- *Spangler v. McClung*, No. M2024-00055-COA-R3-CV (Tenn. Ct. App.) (represented business owner in dispute with business partner)
- *GENash, LLC v. Rose Legacy, LLC*, M2024-00186-COA-R3-CV (Tenn. Ct. App.) (represented appellee in appeal of commercial lease dispute)
- *Houston Humphreys LLC v. Houston St. Partners, LLC*, 2022 WL 3573404, at *1 (Tenn. Ct. App. Aug. 19, 2022) (represented seller of commercial property in appeal of real estate dispute involving $30 million transaction)
- *BFI Waste Systems of Tennessee, LLC v. Central Tennessee Regional Solid Waste Planning Board*, No. M2023-01431-COA-R3-CV (Tenn. Ct. App.) (represented the City of Murfreesboro as intervenor in landfill expansion litigation)

**Commercial & Government-Facing Litigation**

- *Financial Technology Association v. Gerregano* (Davidson County Chancery Court – Three Judge Panel) (counsel for leading FinTech trade association in constitutional challenge to state tax law under the Foreign Commerce Clause and

Import-Export Clause)

- *Tennessee Healthy Alternatives Association v. Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (lead counsel for trade association representing $500 million industry in challenge to state regulations; obtained preliminary injunction barring enforcement of challenged rules and preventing mass business closures and layoffs)
- *Tennessee Healthy Alternatives Association v. Tennessee Depts. of Agriculture and Revenue* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (lead counsel for trade association representing $500 million industry in litigation seeking clarity about application of new state law; successfully resolved lawsuit by agreed order)
- *Hendrickson v. Williams* (Davidson County Chancery Court – Business Court Docket) (lead counsel for business owner in governance dispute with business partner; obtained preliminary injunction protecting client's governance rights)
- *TSG8 SDB Group Holdings L.P. v. Leon Capital Group LLC* (Davidson County Chancery Court – Business Court Docket) (Tennessee counsel in litigation arising from a $300 million private?equity transaction; obtained dismissal of client based on forum-selection clause)
- *Wirtgen America, Inc. v. Hayden-Murphy Equipment Company* (M.D. Tenn.) (represented construction equipment supplier in dealer?termination litigation; obtained summary judgment permitting termination based on the dealer's undisclosed ownership changes)
- *Wirtgen America, Inc. v. Elliott & Frantz, Inc.* (D. N.J. & M.D. Tenn.) (representing construction equipment supplier in dealer?termination litigation)
- *In re: RealPage, Inc., Rental Software Antitrust Litigation* (M.D. Tenn.) (represented property?management defendant in MDL antitrust proceedings)
- *Powell v. Combe* (Davidson County Chancery Court – Business Court Docket) (represented business owner in governance dispute with business partner)
- *Gleaves v. Flintlock Investors, LLC* (Davidson County Circuit Court) (representing business owner in dispute with business partner)
- *Crawford Electric Supply Company, LLC v. Lonestar Electric Supply* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (representing electrical distributor in litigation involving post-employment restrictive covenants)
- *FKP Advisors, LLC v. Premier Parking* (Davidson County Chancery Court – Business Court Docket) (represented partnership in lawsuit alleging breach of contract and fraud)
- *Fox Hardwood Lumber Company v. Jackson* (Dickson County Chancery Court) (represented lumber company in breach-of-contract bench trial; obtained award of lost profits for client)
- *Medvedev v. Ephemera Global, Inc.* (M.D. Tenn.) (represented company in lawsuit by former executive alleging tortious interference and defamation)

**Commercial Real Estate and Land-Use Litigation**

- *HM 523 W Thompson Lane, LLC v. McPherson* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (lead counsel for real estate purchaser in suit for specific performance)
- *Houston Humphreys LLC v. Houston St. Partners, LLC* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (representing owners of large commercial property in litigation arising from $30 million real estate transaction)
- *2126 Byrum Ave., LLC v. 83 Freight* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (represented seller of large commercial property in litigation arising from $19 million real estate transaction)
- *GENash LLC v. Rose Legacy, LLC* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (represented Nashville restaurant in week-long jury trial in commercial lease dispute)
- *Lonesome Ten Miles, LLC v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County* (M.D. Tenn.) (represented real estate developer in federal takings litigation challenging permitting conditions)
- *TNHomesites.com v. City of White House, Tennessee* (Sumner County Chancery Court) (representing real estate developer in land-use litigation challenging denial of development application by local Planning Commission)
- *McFarlin v. Town of Nolensville, Tennessee* (Williamson County Chancery Court) (represented property owner in land-use litigation challenging denial of development application by local Planning Commission)

- *TZ Realty, LLC v. ABC Technologies, Inc.* (Sumner County Circuit Court) (represented owner of large commercial warehouse in dispute with tenant)
- *Whitely v. Whitely* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (representing property owner in dispute concerning ownership of commercial property in Nashville)
- *Tweedy v. Davidson County Assessor's Office* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (representing property owner in challenge to tax assessment)

**Other Litigation**

- *Manookian v. Office of Legislative Administration* (Davidson County Chancery Court) (appointed by the Governor of Tennessee to defend the General Assembly's Office of Legislative Administration in open-records litigation)
- *Disability Rights Tennessee v. Wayne Halfway House, Inc.* (M.D. Tenn.) (defended operator of youth residential treatment centers in lawsuit raising questions of first impression under federal statutory regime)
- *Tennessee v. U.S. Department of Education* (E.D. Tenn.) (representing intervenors in challenge to major federal grant program)

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## Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D.
  - Editor in Chief, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
  - Lightfoot Franklin & White Best Oral Advocate Award
  - Member, *Order of the Coif*
  - Myron Penn Laughlin Note Award
- Carson-Newman University, B.S., B.A., *summa cum laude*
- Oxford University, Regent's Park College, Tutorial, British Baptist History

## Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee

## Recognition

- *Benchmark Litigation* "40 & Under," Commercial Litigation (2026)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch," Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2023 – 2027)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Appellate, Business Litigation (2026)
- Tennessee Bar Association Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year Award (2025)

## Publications

- Alex Carver, **Tennessee Abolishes Agency Deference**, Sherrard Roe Blog (January 4, 2023)
- Note, **Rethinking Conspiracy Jurisdiction in Light of Stream of Commerce and Effects-Based Jurisdictional Principles**, 71 *Vand. L. Rev.* 1333 (2018)
- Symposium Introduction with Susanna Rychlak, **The Least Understood Branch: The Demands and Challenges of the State Judiciary**, 70 *Vand. L. Rev.* 1701 (2017)

## Speaking Engagements

- “SCOTUS: A Year in Review,” Panelist, Belmont University College of Law American Inn of Court (April 2026)
- “SCOTUS Update,” Tennessee Attorney General’s Office (October 27, 2023)
- “SCOTUS Update,” Nashville Bar Association Government Practice & Professionalism Institute (December 11, 2020)

## Professional Activities

- Member and Co-Chair, Appellate Practice Section, Nashville Bar Association
- Member, Young Lawyers Division, Nashville Bar Association
- Member, Appellate Practice and Litigation Sections, and Young Lawyers Division, Tennessee Bar Association
- Member, The Federalist Society, Nashville Lawyers Chapter

## Civic Activities

- Member, Parks Church, PCA