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As one of only a very few private practitioners in the country who have served as a state solicitor general, Andrée Blumstein brings to her general business and civil law practice a wealth of experience, particularly in appellate litigation. Before returning to private practice, she served from 2014 to 2024 as Tennessee's Solicitor General. In that position, she was in charge of all the State's appellate litigation in all state and federal courts in the country, including the Supreme Courts of the United States and Tennessee.

The cases she has headed up—most of them high-profile and high-stakes—cover many areas of the law: antitrust, healthcare law, employment law, administrative law, constitutional law, class-action defense, insurance law, education, state and local taxation, professional liability, personal injury, civil rights, contract negotiations and disputes, tort law, government relations, and elections and voting rights.

Before entering public service, Andrée was a long-time member of Sherrard Roe. Now as then, her practice includes these same areas of the law. With this background, she counsels and advocates for the interests of individuals and enterprises, such as educational institutions, insurance companies, hospitals and other healthcare providers, charitable organizations, state and local government entities and their agencies, and retailers. In addition to handling appeals, she collaborates on trials and administrative proceedings to develop legal strategies and to position cases for successful appeal.

Andrée presided as Chief Justice of the Special Tennessee Supreme Court from 2012 to 2014. She was appointed to that court by Governor Bill Haslam to decide a constitutional challenge to the way in which Tennessee's appellate judges were elected. The opinion she authored for the unanimous court in that case—*Hooker v. Haslam*, 437 S.W.3d 409 (Tenn. 2014)—has been cited well over 100 times. And most recently she was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court to serve as Vice Chair of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Throughout her career, Andrée has done her best to give back to the community and the legal profession. She has been privileged to serve on the board of directors and as Secretary of the Nashville Pro Bono Program as well as on the board of Nashville's Jewish Federation and as president of the League for the Hearing Impaired. She is a graduate of Leadership Nashville, has chaired the Editorial Board of the *Tennessee Bar Journal* since 2003, has authored various articles for that award-winning publication, and has been a presenter at over 50 CLE programs on a variety of subjects.

Andrée graduated *Order of the Coif* from Vanderbilt University Law School. She holds a Ph.D. from Yale University (Germanic Languages and Literature) and a B.A. from Vassar College, *magna cum laude*. She is a Phi Beta Kappa member.



Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D.
  - Member, *Order of the Coif*
  - Outstanding Oralist, Appellate Advocacy
  - Research Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
- Yale University, Ph.D. in Germanic languages and literature
- Vassar College, B.A., *magna cum laude*
  - Honors Program
  - Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

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

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Antitrust Law (2003 – 2027), Appellate Practice (2009 – 2027)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® "Lawyer of the Year," Nashville, Antitrust Law (2012, 2015) and Litigation – Antitrust (2013)
- *Fortune Magazine* "ALM Women Leaders in the Law" (2014)
- Justice Joseph W. Henry Award for Outstanding Legal Writing (2012 and 2016)
- Law Library in the John Sevier Building State Office Building named the *Solicitor General Andrée Sophia Blumstein Library*, August 17, 2022, in recognition of General Blumstein's outstanding achievements and contributions to the Office
- Lawyers' Association for Women Achievement Award for significant achievements in the legal profession
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Appellate Practice (2009 – 2014)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* Corporate Counsel Edition, Appellate Practice (2010)

- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Top 50 Women" (2011 – 2013)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Top 50: Nashville Super Lawyers" (2012)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* "Top 100: Tennessee Super Lawyers" (2012)
- *Nashville Business Journal* "Best of the Bar," Appellate Practice (2004 – 2015)
- *Nashville Business Journal* "Women of Influence" Trailblazer Award (2016)
- *Nashville Post* "Best Lawyers in Nashville" (2003)
- New Rochelle, N.Y., High Schools Wall of Fame (2017)

"Solicitor General Andrée Blumstein, a pillar of the office for nearly a decade and of the Tennessee legal community for many more years than that, . . . has been a renowned trailblazer in the legal profession. . . . General Blumstein has done a remarkable job leading and supervising our Office's appellate practice. While her accomplishments are too vast to mention . . . her commitment to quality has consistently elevated the Office's practice and improved the work product of each and every one of our attorneys (me included!). She started the Office's amicus brief practice, dramatically improved the Attorney General's Opinion process and product, and oversaw a major expansion of [the Office of the Solicitor General]. She has also been a friend and mentor to many of us. . . . [I]t is fitting that she will leave a permanent mark on our Office. The Andrée Sophia Blumstein Library, the heart of the John Sevier Building, will serve as a fond reminder of General Blumstein's service to the State and to the Office." – Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti (February 12, 2024)

Select Publications

- Andrée Blumstein, ***Symposium: How the Title VII trilogy may test the court***, SCOTUSblog (Sep. 5, 2019)
- Andrée Blumstein, ***Symposium: A monumental decision?***, SCOTUSblog (Jun. 21, 2019)
- Andrée Blumstein, ***Symposium: Hijacked riders, not free riders***, SCOTUSblog (Dec. 20, 2017)
- "**Summary Judgment Comes Full Circle**," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, December 2015 (feature story)
- "**Seriously For Real, Summary Judgment Orders Must Comply With Rule 56.04**," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, October 2014 (cover story)
- "**Bye Bye *Hannan?* What a Difference Two Little Words, at Trial, Will Make in the Formulation of Tennessee's Summary Judgment Standard**," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, August 2011
- "***Twombly* Gets *Iqbal-ed:* An Update on the New Federal – and Tennessee? – Pleading Standard**," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, Vol. 45, No. 7, July 2009 at 23 (feature story)
- "**Bye, Bye *Byrd?* Summary Judgment After *Hannan v. Alltel* and *Martin v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company***," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, Vo. 45, No. 2, February 2009 at 23 (feature story)
- "A Higher Standard: *Twombly* Requires More for Notice Pleading," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, Vol. 43, No. 8, August 2007 (cover story)
- "A New Route to Resolution: the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, Vol. 41, No. 4, April 2005
- Editorial Advisory Board, ***Handling Federal Discovery***, James Publishing, Inc., 1995
- "Key Tax Aspects of the Tennessee Limited Liability Company Act," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, Vol. 30, No. 4, July/August 1994
- "They Ain't What They Used to Be: The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Undergo Radical Change," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, Vol. 30, No. 1, Jan./Feb. 1994 (cover article)
- "The All-New Civil Semi-Peremptory Jury Challenge," *Tennessee Bar Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 2, March/April 1992 (selected for online publication by Westlaw, 1993)
- "Making the Record in the Trial Court," *Appellate Practice in Tennessee*, Fall 1991, at 2-1 through 2-10 (a publication of the Tennessee Bar Association

Professional Activities

- Vice Chair, Tennessee Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- Member, Tennessee Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure (2019 – present)
- Chair, Appellate Practice Section, Nashville Bar Association (1992, 1997, and 1999)

- Chair, Editorial Board, *Tennessee Bar Journal* (2003 – present), past Chair of the Antitrust & Business Regulation Section and of the Publications Committee, and past member of the Tennessee Limited Liability Company Act Task Force, and TBA Representative to the Tennessee Code Commission, Tennessee Bar Association
- Class of 1993 graduate, Alumni Association Board Member 2025-27, and past chair and co-chair for Business Day programs, Leadership Nashville
- Co-chair, 2012 Campaign for Equal Justice, Large Firm and Leadership Cabinet fundraising, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands
- Lecturer in Law, Vanderbilt University Law School (taught courses on appellate advocacy and legal writing)
- Member, Appellate Practice Section, Tennessee Bar Association
- Member, Young Lawyers Division, Nashville Bar Association
- Member, International Women's Forum, Tennessee Chapter
- Member, Leadership Partners, a joint partnering program between Leadership Nashville and Leadership Music (1995 – 2002)
- Member, Nashville Bar Foundation (1999 – present)
- Member and Counselor, American Inns of Court, Harry Phillips Chapter (2003 – 2021)
- Member of the Board of Directors (2006 – 2011) and Secretary (2009 – 2010), Nashville Pro Bono Program
- Past Member (by appointment by the Chief Judge); Coordinating Committee, Court Operations Committee, Solutions Committee, Report Drafting and Editing Committee, Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the Middle District of Tennessee
- Past President, Vice President, and member of the National Council, Federal Bar Association, Nashville Chapter
- Reporter for Tax Analysts, authoring weekly articles on state and local tax and budget issues for *Tax Notes, The Exempt Organization Tax Review, and State Tax Notes* (1991 – 2001)

Civic Activities

- Co-chair, American Council on Germany, Eric M. Warburg Chapter (2001 – 2008)
- Past Member of the Board of Directors, Jewish Federation of Nashville
- Past President, League for the Hearing Impaired, Nashville, Tennessee (a United Way agency)
- President, American Jewish Committee, Nashville Chapter (1998 – 2001)