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John Farringer is a trial lawyer focusing on complex business and commercial litigation. He practices in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate level, and is also experienced with all forms of alternative dispute resolution and before administrative agencies. Mr. Farringer has represented individuals and various types of business entities in a variety of matters, including contract disputes, tort and business tort actions, covenants not to compete/trade secrets, boundary and land use disputes, banking litigation, real estate litigation, response to governmental subpoenas and investigations, nonprofit corporation act compliance, securities litigation, shareholder actions, and civil rights actions. Mr. Farringer also advises clients regarding litigation avoidance and assessment.

Mr. Farringer is a native of Nashville. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Washington & Lee University with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. At Vanderbilt University School of Law, he was a John W. Wade Scholar, a member of the Moot Court Board, and named to the *Order of the Coif*. Mr. Farringer served as symposium editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review and authored the article, "The Competency Conundrum: Problems Courts Have Faced in Applying Different Standards for Competency to Be Executed," which was published and received the Edmund M. Morgan Prize for the most outstanding note on the Vanderbilt Law Review. After law school, Mr. Farringer served as law clerk to the Honorable Thomas A. Wiseman Jr., Senior United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Education

- J.D., Vanderbilt University, 2002
- B.A., Washington and Lee University, 1999

Bar Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- Sixth Circuit
- Middle District of Tennessee
- Eastern District of Tennessee
- Western District of Tennessee
- Tennessee

Practice Areas

- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Government Compliance & Investigations
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Securities Litigation

Representative Engagements

- Represented nursing home company in contractual disputes with management company and pharmaceutical provider.
- Represented individual in obtaining 1940 Chinese Bonds in the possession of a company who had claimed it would sell them.
- Represented through a jury trial an immigrant shackled while in labor and in the custody of the city government.
- Represented the Tennessee plaintiffs in the case consolidated with other cases that resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court's Obergefell opinion.
- Represented selling shareholders of a logistics company in defense of a multi-million dollar claim arising out of alleged breaches of representations and warranties in the underlying stock purchase agreement.
- Represented public company seeking to invoke a material adverse condition clause to terminate a merger agreement with another public company.
- Represented NHL hockey team in dispute over a naming rights agreement with a public company.
- Represented independent board members of public company in defense of shareholder litigation arising from merger transaction.
- Represented a law firm in defense of a civil rights claim brought by individual against whom a judgment was obtained in a prior lawsuit.
- Represented a law firm in defense of claims for fraud based on litigation conduct in a prior lawsuit.
- Represented a university in defending the decisions of the city counsel and administrative boards regarding a lease arrangement between the city and the university.
- Represented a private elementary school in overturning the decisions of administrative boards to revoke various land use permits previously issued to the school.
- Represented organization defending its property rights in boundary dispute.

Honors

- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* 2016-2021 (Commercial Litigation; Litigation-Banking and Finance; Litigation-Securities)
- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* Lawyer of the Year 2021 (Litigation-Banking and Finance)
- Nashville Bar Foundation's Class of 2020 Fellows Program
- Attorney for Justice Tennessee Supreme Court Pro Bono Service Award 2015-2016, 2018-2019
- *Benchmark Litigation* 2013-2016, 2018-2021 ("Future Star")
- *Benchmark Litigation* 2016-2017 Under 40 Hot List
- Super Lawyers 2011-2020 (Business Litigation) ("Mid-South Rising Star" 2011-2012)
- Nashville Business Journal Best of The Bar 2016
- TBA President's Award for work as Chair of Medical-legal Partnership Working Group 2015
- ACLU Bill of Rights Award 2015
- Recipient of the 2012 Tennessee Bar Association's Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Award)

Professional Activities

- Member of the Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations
- Tennessee Bar Association Board of Governors
- Member of the Tennessee Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission
- Immediate Past Chair, Tennessee Bar Association Access to Justice Committee
- Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Class of 2011
- Fellow of American Bar Foundation
- Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America
- Pro bono work, including prevailing in a case before the Tennessee Supreme Court

Civic Activities

- Member of Economic Club of Nashville
- Past President and Board Member of the Family Center
- Member of the Richland-West End Neighborhood Association Board of Directors
- Parishioner at Cathedral of the Incarnation