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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

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### Practice Areas

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

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- 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

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- 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

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- Alabama State Bar Association , Member
- Kentucky Bar Association , Member
- Louisiana State Bar Association , Member
- Tennessee Bar Association , Member
- American Bar Association , Forum on Construction Law
- Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel , Member

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

## EDUCATION

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Tulane University Law School J.D. 2009

- *Tulane Environmental Law Journal*, Managing Editor
- Tulane Trial Advocacy Program, Honors Distinction
- Tulane Civil Litigation Clinic, Member
- Tulane University Legal Assistance Program, Member
- Sports Law Society, Member
- Tulane Chapter of American Inns of Court, Member

Auburn University B.A., Political Science 2006

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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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.