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Experience

Virtuoso Surgical, Inc., Nashville, TN (2017-2026). General Counsel & Chief Administrative Officer of a medical-device startup (resigned 1/26). Co-founder, Secretary, and Board member (resigned 3/26). Established and oversaw the legal, regulatory, finance, and accounting systems of the Company.

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN (2003-2026). Adjunct Professor of Law. Taught Federal Courts, Professional Responsibility, and Law of Appellate Courts; coached Vanderbilt's National Moot Court Team; and led (and wound down) Vanderbilt's Appellate Litigation Clinic.

The Pickrell Law Group, P.C., Nashville, TN (1997-2004, 2011-2026). Principal attorney and owner of a small law firm. Appellate practice and commercial litigation; transactional representation of entrepreneurs and SBOs (M&A, contracts, securities, etc.). Lead counsel in over 100 appellate cases, both civil and criminal, in State and federal appellate courts.

Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP, Nashville, TN (2005-2011). Senior Counsel, Equity Partner. Concentration in commercial litigation, primarily for healthcare companies, and appellate practice.

Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, New York, NY (1996-1997). Associate attorney.

Harwell Howard Hyne Gabbert & Manner, P.C., Nashville, TN (1993-1996). Associate attorney.

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Louisville, KY (1992-1993). Law clerk for Hon. Boyce F. Martin, Jr.

Education

University of Tennessee, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1992. Scholarships & Awards: John W. Greene Scholarship, Charles Warner Scholarship, *Order of the Coif*, *Order of Barristers*, Phi Delta Phi, *Tennessee Law Review* Articles Editor, National Moot Court Team, McClung Medal for Excellence in Oral Advocacy.

Harvard College, A.B. History, *magna cum laude*, 1988. Major field: Modern Europe (British History); Minor field: Ancient Greece & Rome. Scholarships & Awards: National Merit Scholarship, Harvard College Scholarship, Charles W. Schwitzer Memorial Scholarship, Ada Howe Kent Scholarship, Hoopes Prize Nomination, Ford Foundation Grant to conduct research in the United Kingdom.

Major Cases

Cyntoia Brown v. Jordan, 744 Fed. App'x 918 (6th Cir. 2019)(habeas corpus)(lead counsel).

Laborers' Local 265 Pension Fund v. iShares Trust, 769 F.3d 399 (6th Cir. 2013)(Investment Company Act & ERISA)(lead counsel).

Cuno v. DaimlerChrysler, et al., 547 U.S. 332 (2006)(amicus counsel for Nissan Motor Corp.).

United States v. William J. Davis, 537 F.3d 611 (6th Cir. 2008)(federal sentencing)(lead counsel).

Memorial Hosp. v. Healthcare Realty Trust, 509 F.3d 1225 (10th Cir. 2007)(contract action)(lead counsel).

Grutter/Gratz v. University of Michigan, 288 F.3d 732 (6th Cir.), 539 U.S. 306 (2003)(Title VI and Equal Protection)(amicus representation of conservative non-profits).

Donnie Johnson v. Bell, 344 F.3d 567 (6th Cir. 2003)(death-penalty case)(lead counsel).

Ford Motor Co. v. Robert Lane, 86 F. Supp.2d 711 (E.D. Mich. 1999)(First Amendment)(lead counsel).

Affiliations & Public Service

Member of the Bar: Tennessee Supreme Court (1992); U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (1995), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (1997), United States Supreme Court (1998), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1999), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2007).

Recognition & Memberships (not all current): *Nashville Business Journal*, Best of the Bar (appellate litigation & commercial litigation); *Best Lawyers of America* (commercial litigation); National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; American Health Lawyers Association; Appellate Practice Committee, Tennessee & Nashville Bar Associations. American Physical Society; American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Public Service: Member, United States Civil Rights Commission Tennessee Advisory Committee (2021-2024); Member, Sixth Circuit *ad hoc* committee established to evaluate the reappointment of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Tennessee (2005).

Personal

Amateur physicist. Peer-reviewed publications: "Composite matter/antimatter hadron structure indicated experimentally at the Texas Petawatt Laser Facility," *Phys. Ess.* **37**(4): 270 (Dec 2024); "Matter/Anti-Matter Propulsion," *Propulsion Systems — Recent Advances, New Perspectives and Applications*, IntechOpen Publishing (Feb 2023)(book chapter); "Feasibility of a matter/anti-matter propulsion system for generating relativistic speeds in space," *J. Space Explor.* **9**(2): 162 (May 2020).