

## John D. Burleson Biographical Information



John Burleson is a member of Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell, PLC and has been associated with the Firm since receiving his law degree, with honors, in 1983 from the University of Tennessee.

Since 2008, John has been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® in the specialty of Workers' Compensation Law and Employment Law-Management. He also has the distinction of having an AV® Preeminent™ rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Burleson is also distinguished as a Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator, a certification he obtained in 2013. He is one of only eight attorneys located in the Jackson, Tennessee, area listed in the U.S. District Court Mediator Directory. For the past ten years, Burleson has mediated cases in both state and federal courts in Middle and West Tennessee. He is an experienced mediator in cases involving age, gender, and race discrimination, FMLA violations, sexual harassment, civil rights violations, landowner disputes, auto accidents, wage and hour issues, construction litigation, violation of noncompete agreements, contract disputes, premises liability, and ADA violations.

### **Litigation Practice Areas**

Commercial Litigation  
Education  
Insurance Defense  
Labor & Employment  
Local Government  
Mediation Services  
Tort Litigation

### **Education**

Union University B.A., 1979 Cum Laude  
University of Tennessee, J.D. 1983, with honors

### **Bar Admissions**

Tennessee Supreme Court  
U.S. District Court for the Western and Middle Districts of Tennessee  
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Cincinnati

### **Professional Organizations**

Tennessee Bar Association  
Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association  
Defense Research Institute

### **Results**

Beckham v. City of Waynesboro, 2024 Tenn. App. LEXIS 215, at \*1 (Tenn. Ct. App. May 14, 2024).  
King v. Town of Selmer, 2024 Tenn. App. LEXIS 9, at \*1 (Tenn. Ct. App. Jan. 8, 2024).  
Henning v. City of Jackson, 2022 WL 3686659 (W.D. Tenn. Aug. 25, 2022), aff'd 2023 U.S. App. LEXIS 14813 (6th Cir. June 14, 2023).  
Pack v. Freed-Hardeman Univ., 2023 WL 2207390 (Tenn. Ct. App. Feb. 24, 2023).  
Paar v. City of Jackson, 2020 WL 1822476 (W.D. Tenn. Apr. 10, 2020).  
Riverland, LLC v. City of Jackson, Tenn., 2018 WL 5880935 (Tenn. Ct. App. Nov. 9, 2018).  
State v. Farris, 562 S.W.3d 432 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2018).  
Holmes v. Southwest Human Resource Agency, 2017 WL 3741557 (W.D. Tenn. Aug. 30, 2017).  
Bobo v. City of Jackson, Tenn., 511 S.W.3d 14 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2015).

### **Community**

Former Board Member of the Red Cross, Former Chairman of the Board for University School of Jackson, Former Chairman of the Deacons at Englewood Baptist Church.

### **Interests**

When not working, he is involved in activities with his church, following the Tennessee Volunteers in all sports, spending time with his seven grandchildren and watching their various activities, and when time allows, sitting on the porch of his house at the Tennessee River reading a good book and watching the river go by.