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Biography

Paul Tennison is an Associate in our Nashville office where he practices in aging services, appellate, arbitration and mediation, business litigation, construction, general liability, health care, medical malpractice, premises liability, products liability, professional malpractice and ethics, and transportation matters.

Prior to joining HBS, Paul worked as a senior associate attorney with a broad civil litigation practice which included representing individuals and businesses in commercial or breach of contract disputes, family law disputes, defamation, and military law matters. He defended clients in all phases of litigation, from inception through discovery, motion practice, settlement negotiations, trials, and appeals. He also chaired the firm's military law practice area and brought in over 50 cases in 5 years.

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Before Paul began his legal career, he served as a field artillery officer with the Tennessee Army National Guard and the U.S. Army, where he served with distinction on active duty including overseas assignments. He acted as a battery commander, in

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charge of 105 soldiers during a deployment to Poland from 2019-2020 and was promoted to the rank of Major.

Paul earned his Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University where he was a member of the Branstetter Litigation and Dispute Resolution Program. He earned his Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy West Point.

Credentials

Admitted

State Courts:

- Tennessee

Federal Courts:

- Federal Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. District Courts:

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

Education

- J.D., Vanderbilt University
- B.S., United States Military Academy West Point

Memberships

- Davidson County Veterans and Mental Health Court Assistance, Board Member, 2023-Present
- Military Officers Association of America, Middle Tennessee Chapter, 2022-Present
- Nashville Bar Association, NBA Veterans' Committee

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- Co-Chair, 2023
- Chair, 2021-2022
- Operation Headshot, Chief Legal Officer, 2022-Present

Recognition

- [Mid-South Rising Star](#), Super Lawyers®, 2023
- Top 100 Lawyers in Nashville, MyNashville Magazine, 2020

Presentations

- **Distributing Military Retirement Benefits in Divorce in Tennessee**
Nashville Bar Association CLE, October 2021
- **Military Records Corrections and Discharge Upgrades**
Nashville Bar Association CLE, December 2020

Publications

Paul has authored multiple blog posts on topics including military law, family law, defamation, and civil litigation.

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January 16, 2024

HBS Nashville is thrilled to welcome Attorneys Daniel D. Derner, Gage C. Smythe, and Paul E. Tennison to its team.

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