

## Todd Hambidge

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Trusted and respected by both clients and colleagues, Todd Hambidge is a skilled and formidable litigator. Todd is a relentless advocate for clients known for his incisive ability to distill complex conflicts and disputes to their core issues. Highly responsive and attentive, Todd brings a personal commitment to solving problems for clients across a wide range of industries.

Clients rely on Todd for legal counsel in:

- intellectual property disputes,
- financial services litigation,
- media disputes, and
- general business litigation.

In his IP litigation practice, Todd defends the intellectual property rights of technology companies, media clients, consumer products manufacturers, and retailers in cases involving:

- misappropriation of trade secrets,
- trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting,
- copyright infringement, and
- patent infringement.

In the financial services arena, Todd has defended numerous banks and financial institutions against claims brought under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and other federal and state laws and regulations. He has successfully obtained dismissal of several Americans with Disabilities Act actions against community banks in connection with ATM functionality and successfully obtained dismissal on behalf of a debt portfolio company in numerous Fair Debt Collection Practices Act cases in multiple jurisdictions.

Additionally, Todd has extensive experience with First Amendment law and defends media clients in connection with print, online, and television content from claims of libel and false light invasion of privacy. He also represents media clients and news-gathering organizations with issues involving open courts, public records, and the Tennessee shield law. He has successfully represented a major

newspaper company in connection with open court issues and high-profile public records litigation.

Todd's more general business litigation practice focuses primarily on contractual disputes, fraud, tortious interference, unfair competition, and statutory compliance.

Before joining Waller in 2012, Todd was a litigator in the New York office of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, which is now the U.S. member of Norton Rose Fulbright.

## EXPERIENCE

- **Waller serves as newsroom/litigation counsel for Tennessee-based newspapers in national chain**  
Serve as newsroom counsel for chain of newspapers across Tennessee.
- **Company founder battles post-sale claims brought by minority owner**  
Represented the founder of a medical diagnostic equipment manufacturing company during and following the highly successful sale of his business and post-sale challenges by a minority owner family member.
- **Represented indenture trustee in City of Detroit's Chapter 9 proceeding**  
Represented the indenture trustee for the approximately \$5.3 billion water and sewer bonds connected to Detroit's Chapter 9 bankruptcy proceeding.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School, 2007
  - Notes Development Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
  - Dean's List
  - Phi Delta Phi Honorary Society
  - Vanderbilt Trial Advocacy Society
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, DePauw University, 2004
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Dean's List
  - Management Fellow

## COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, All Districts of New York
- U.S. District Court, All Districts of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- New York

## **RECOGNITIONS**

### **Mid-South Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters)**

- Rising Stars - General Litigation, 2011-2021

## **PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Nashville Bar Association
- Member, New York City Bar Association