



## Jamie K. Durrett

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Jamie Durrett maintains a multijurisdictional practice representing established businesses and individuals in all aspects of civil litigation. Her practice focuses on the defense of claims related to general liability, product liability, professional liability, automobile liability, premises liability, personal injury, municipal liability, civil rights, transportation, negligent security, aviation, labor and employment, workers' compensation, business, and real estate litigation. Jamie also represents insurer clients in coverage matters and disputes. She has defended major manufacturers of motorcycles, appliances, machines, pharmaceuticals, food, and beauty products in product liability and consumer cases.

In addition, Jamie represents businesses in all aspects of employment law, including tort and contract claims, defense of EEOC charges, whistleblower claims, employment discrimination and sexual harassment litigation, employee benefits litigation, wage-and-hour issues, labor matters, ADA claims, violation of noncompete agreements, and retaliation claims.

Jamie also has successfully defended clients against health care liability and professional negligence claims, including engineering/property loss litigation and coverage issues and professional negligence. Jamie has experience representing municipal clients in a wide range of cases including, but not limited to, governmental tort liability actions and employment discrimination cases.

Active in the Tennessee Bar Association, Jamie currently serves as the District 20 Representative to the TBA's House of Delegates as well as on the Executive Committee for the Law Technology and Management Section. She is the pro bono board counsel for the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Advising clients in all stages of litigation, Jamie has secured victories at the trial and appellate levels, as well as before regulatory boards. Jamie is a competent and

### Services

- Design Professionals
- Asia
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

aggressive advocate for her clients. She develops strong client relationships through effective communication, trust, responsiveness, reliability, and diligence. Jamie is an efficient and effective litigator.

### **General Liability**

Jamie has built a diverse civil litigation practice handling premises, auto, and negligent security for clients across a variety of industries. She provides clients with an elevated level of responsiveness and personal attention from the pre-litigation phase of potential claims to preparing a defense in litigated matters. Representative clients include security firms, commercial and residential property owners, management companies, restaurants, and manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors.

### **Professional Liability**

Jamie is experienced in the defense of professional clients, including attorneys, medical professionals, accountants, architects, engineers, construction managers, design builders, surveyors, insurance brokers, and real estate professionals, including title agents. When formulating a defense, Jamie focuses on strategies to cost-effectively resolve pre-suit and litigated matters or those pending before administrative agencies and licensing boards.

### **Insurance Coverage**

Jamie's experience includes both coverage litigation and drafting coverage opinions for insurers related to commercial general liability, E&O, and employment liability matters. Jamie has obtained favorable results through motion practice and negotiation of coverage disputes for her clients.

### **Product Liability**

A substantial portion of Jamie's practice involves the defense of product liability claims against domestic and foreign manufacturers and suppliers of industrial and residential machinery, appliances, cellular phones, food, and beauty products. She routinely advises clients and defends products in cases arising out of a product's design, manufacture, and/or marketing. Jamie is a member of the firm's Asia Practice and regularly defends Asian manufacturers.

### **Commercial Litigation**

In commercial litigation, Jamie defends breach of contract lawsuits as well as corporate transactional matters, and reviewing, drafting, and negotiating contracts and leases.

### **Aviation & Aerospace**

Jamie has experience defending private and commercial air carriers and related aviation services.

### **Trucking, Transportation & Cargo**

Jamie has extensive experience defending motor carriers and their drivers as well as other transportation and logistics operations.

### **Governmental Tort Liability**

Jamie has handled cases for municipal clients in a wide range of matters, including actions brought under the Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act (GTLA). She has

defended excessive force and 1983 claims against law enforcement agencies. In addition, Jamie has experience representing school boards and schools regarding premises liability, employment matters, and student-related disciplinary matters.

### **Labor, Employment & Civil Rights**

Jamie has defended matters before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Tennessee Human Rights Commission, as well as claims related to employment discrimination, sexual harassment, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) violations, retaliation, and Fair Housing. Jamie also defends employers in workers' compensation matters.

### **Education**

- Cumberland School of Law, Samford University (J.D., 2007)
  - American Journal of Trial Advocacy, Judge Abraham Caruthers Legal Research and Writing Teaching Fellow, Trial Advocacy Board
- Austin Peay State University (B.S., 2004)
  - summa cum laude, Panhellenic Council Outstanding Senior

### **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Tennessee
- Alabama
- North Carolina

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Tennessee Bar Association
- Alabama Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association

- Florida Bar Association
- Washington, D.C. Bar Association
- DRI : The Voice of the Defense Bar
- Montgomery County, Tennessee, Bar Association
- Former Tennessee Rule 31 Listed Civil Mediator

### **Awards & Honors**

- The American Society of Legal Advocates Top 40 Under 40 Litigation Attorneys, 2014–2018
- Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division, Star of the Quarter (First Quarter, 2015; Third Quarter, 2018; Third Quarter, 2019)

### **Languages**

- Spanish