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## education

Mississippi College School of Law (J.D., 2004)

- *Law Review, Editor-in-Chief; Moot Court Board*

University of Mississippi (M.B.A., Marketing, Management Information Systems, 2001)

Delta State University (B.B.A., Computer Information Systems, 1999)

## admissions

Arkansas

Georgia

Kentucky

Mississippi

Tennessee

Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi

Supreme Court of Mississippi

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

**I worked in the technology field and business consulting before entering the practice of law. My consulting background is valuable in litigation. I communicate well with business units in various fields from product manufacturers to national banks. I can process highly technical information and make it understandable to a jury of lay people.**

John T. Rouse represents corporate clients in private civil litigation in state and federal courts in six states throughout the Southeast. He focuses a substantial portion of his practice handling complex civil litigation filed against domestic and foreign product manufacturers, financial institutions, and automotive finance companies.

John has significant experience handling complex litigation for aircraft, automobile, marine engine, and heavy equipment manufacturers as well as airlines and trucking companies involving products liability, product defects, product designs, breach of warranty, wrongful death, contract, finance, and insurance issues.

John also has extensive experience handling matters for banks, mortgage lenders, and mortgage servicers surrounding federal and state consumer protection laws, including the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), Fair Housing Act, Real Estate

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

Supreme Court of Tennessee

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

Supreme Court of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Supreme Court of Georgia

## honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Product Liability Litigation – Defendants), 2021–2023
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, including Tennessee and Mississippi, “Rising Star” (Business Litigation, Personal Injury – Products), 2012, 2013, 2014
- Capital Area Bar Association, Board of Directors, Director Post 1 (2023)
- Charles Clark American Inn of Court, 2016–2018
- The Mississippi Bar Leadership Forum, Class of 2014
- Graduate, National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) Trial Academy
- Editor-in-Chief, *Mississippi College Law Review*, 2003–2004 (3 publications)
- Joey Phillips Memorial Award, Mississippi College School of Law, 2004

## affiliations

### Professional

- Federal Bar Association
- Fifth Circuit Bar Association

Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), among others.

Before entering practice, John was employed by a national consulting firm, providing consulting services for International Paper in Memphis, Tennessee.

John has published articles on a wide variety of legal issues impacting the Class Action Fairness Act and other areas of litigation and electronic discovery. He is a frequent speaker in those areas, particularly on matters relating to eDiscovery and use of all forms of social media in discovery and trial.

## Representative Experience

### John’s recent representations in Arkansas include:

- Representing an aircraft service company in defense of a wrongful death case from a private plane crash; and
- Resolving FCRA lawsuit in state court filed against a national mortgage servicer.

### John’s recent representations in Kentucky include:

- Serving as counsel for national bank in an appeal before the Kentucky Court of Appeals; and
- Resolving state court litigation filed against a national mortgage servicer on lender-placed insurance claims

### John’s recent representations in Georgia include:

- Representing national auto lender in FDCPA and Reg F class action;
- Representing a prison management company in defense of multiple federal court lawsuits and government investigations;
- Obtaining dismissal of multiple appeals before the Georgia Court of Appeals on behalf of a national mortgage servicer; and
- Obtaining dismissal in a federal court lawsuit filed against a regional airline on pilot negligence claims.

### John’s recent representations in Tennessee include:

- U.S. Court of Federal Claims Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Memphis Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association
- The Mississippi Bar Association, Professionalism Committee (2015–2021) and Technology Committee (2010–2014)
- Capital Area Bar Association, Board of Directors (2023-2024); Law Related Education Committee (2015–present)
- Madison County Bar Association
- Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association, Young Lawyer’s subcommittee Chair (2007), Website (2013)
- Fifth Circuit Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Commercial and Business Litigation Committee (2013–present)
- American Bar Association, Consumer Financial Services Committee (2017–present)
- Defense Research Institute, Aviation Law Committee
- State Bar of Georgia, Aviation Law Committee

### Community

John is firmly committed to providing pro bono legal services to members of our community who cannot afford to pay for counsel. He volunteered his time to handle an estate on behalf of a minor from his hometown on a pro bono basis when the minor’s father passed away.

- Adjunct Professor, Mississippi College School of Law, Appellate Advocacy (2008–2015) and Legal Writing III (2015–2018)
- Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions, Character and Fitness Committee (2007–2017); Vice-Chairman (2017–present)

- Defending a heavy equipment manufacturer against multiple products liability claims in Tennessee state court;
- Obtaining dismissal in federal court in a lawsuit filed against an aircraft manufacturer on product defect and wrongful death claims;
- Resolving negligence claims in Tennessee state court against a national air carrier;
- Counseling mortgage servicers in Tennessee on an array of loan servicing issues;
- Drafting lease and other related contract documents for a Tennessee manufactured home park and advising on landlord/tenant laws;
- Defending a large mortgage originator in Tennessee state court on an alleged fraudulent loan;
- Advising a local Tennessee bank on default, bankruptcy, and restructuring commercial loans;
- Obtaining summary judgment in favor of a regional bank on flood plane and flood insurance issues under the National Flood Insurance Act (NFIA) in Tennessee state and federal court; and
- Obtaining summary judgment for a national mortgage servicer on wrongful foreclosure claims.

### John’s recent representations in Mississippi include:

- Defending an aircraft parts distributor in federal court litigation;
- Serving as counsel for an aircraft engine manufacturer in an appeal before the Mississippi Supreme Court of personal jurisdiction post-*Ford*;
- Serving as counsel for a large aircraft engine manufacturer on wrongful death claims;
- Obtaining pretrial dismissal of a large aircraft manufacturer on multiple wrongful death claims;

- Obtaining successful summary judgment on wrongful foreclosure claims against mortgage loan investor;
- Serving as counsel for a large aircraft manufacturer on product defect claims;
- Defending a national airline in cases surrounding wrongful death and claims of negligence and misrepresentation under the Montreal Convention involving international travel;
- Successfully appealing through the Mississippi Court of Appeals and Mississippi Supreme Court on delinquent sales taxes owed to a heavy equipment retailer;
- Advising a local Mississippi bank on residential mortgages, foreclosure, and deficiency issues;
- Serving as counsel for a foreign automobile manufacturer, defending against multiple breach of warranty claims;
- Defending and obtaining summary judgment in favor of a marine engine manufacturer in a wrongful death claim;
- Achieving resolution of an array of residential title issues for multiple title insurance companies through successful litigation in Mississippi chancery court;
- Defending litigation filed by a national trucking company against a heavy equipment manufacturer based on unpaid invoices from a third-party carrier under unauthorized bills of lading;
- Defending a national technology company in a nationwide class action involving Lanham Act claims alleging false advertising;
- Securing multiple summary judgments in favor of a nationwide mortgage servicer in wrongful foreclosure cases;
- Serving as counsel for multiple national mortgage lenders in a series of mass actions involving hundreds of plaintiffs

making RICO claims surrounding the origination of mortgage loans; and

- Serving as counsel for a large bank in connection with the settlement of a nationwide class action alleging mortgage fraud and predatory lending.