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## PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation | Class & Collective Action | Crisis Management | Financial Institutions Litigation | Insurance Litigation | Professional Services Litigation | Business Litigation | Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Don Aho practices in the area of litigation with an emphasis on business and banking litigation, securities-related litigation, professional liability, healthcare, insurance, arbitration and mediation.

With more than 30 years of experience in these areas, Mr. Aho is able to provide clients with guidance to assist them in avoiding disputes, to use creative alternative dispute resolution techniques to settle the disputes or litigate them to a successful conclusion. Mr. Aho routinely represents clients with disputes pending before the federal and state courts, arbitration forums, administrative agencies, and self-regulatory bodies.

Mr. Aho is a member of the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments as appointed by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee in 2020. The Council is responsible for making recommendations to Governor Lee concerning candidates to fill vacancies in the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, and the Claims Commission. Mr. Aho is currently serving on the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Art in Architecture Program panel responsible for art commission in conjunction with the new construction of the Chattanooga U.S. Courthouse project in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Wayne State University, 1983
- B.S., Northern Michigan University, 1979

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan
- Tennessee

## COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Middle Districts of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Eleventh Circuits

## ACCOLADES

- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*® – Bet-the-Company and Business Litigation, since 2006
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation-Securities, since 2005
- Tennessee Supreme Court – Certified Mediator and Member of the Mediation Panel of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- Martindale-Hubbell® – AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- American Arbitration Association – Arbitration Panels Member
- Board of Professional Responsibility, by appointment of the Tennessee Supreme Court – Hearing Committee Member
- Tennessee Bar Association – Local Rules of Federal Court Committee Member, appointed by the President of the Tennessee Bar Association and responsible for drafting and proposing uniform rules of practice for the federal district courts of Tennessee
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee – Courtroom Technology Committee Member and Local Rules Committee Member

## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association – Sixth Circuit Vice President
- Tennessee Bar Association
- U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Art in Architecture Program Panel, since 2026
    - Panel oversees the art commission in conjunction with the new construction of the Chattanooga U.S. Courthouse project in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments – Member Appointed by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, 2020-2026
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## COMMUNITY

- A.I.M. Center, Board of Directors – Former Member
- City of Chattanooga's Taxi Board – Former Member and Chairperson







