

# Marcia Eason

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Business Litigation | Class & Collective Action | Financial Institutions Litigation | Financial Services | Insurance Litigation | Litigation | Product Liability | Drug & Medical Device | Life Sciences

Marcy Eason concentrates in the areas of civil litigation and has handled trials and appellate work in both federal and state courts. Marcy's areas of representation include product liability, financial institution, insurance coverage (insurance and bond) and several other areas. By Tennessee Supreme Court appointment, Marcy served a two-year term as Chair of the State Access to Justice Commission.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, Bates College of Law, 1979
    - Line Editor, *Houston Law Review*, 1976-1977
- B.A., *cum laude*, Trinity University, 1975
    - University Scholar

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Tennessee

## COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Courts of Appeals:
    - Fourth Circuit; Fifth Circuit; and Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Tennessee
- Texas Supreme Court
- Tennessee Supreme Court

## ACCOLADES

- American Bar Foundation – Patron Fellow
- Litigation Counsel of America – Senior Fellow

- Tennessee Bar Foundation – Fellow
- Chattanooga Bar Foundation – Fellow; 2014 President's Award
- Legal Aid of East Tennessee – Hall of Fame Inaugural Class
- Legal Aid of East Tennessee Awards:
    - Chief Justice William M. Barker Access to Justice Award, 2017
    - Pro Bono Excellence
    - Volunteer of the Year
- Ralph H. Kelly Humanitarian Award, 2013
- SETLAW (Southeastern Tennessee Legal Association for Women) – Lioness of the Bar, 2017
- Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services – 2018 B. Riney Green Access to Justice Award
- Tennessee Supreme Court – Commissions Appointed:
    - Racial and Ethnic and Gender Fairness
    - Improving Public Trust in the Judicial System
    - Access to Justice Commission – Chair, 2016-2018
- Tennessee Supreme Court – 2019 Attorney for Justice Award
- University of Houston College of Law – Alumni Award
- *Best Lawyers*® "Lawyer of the Year" (Chattanooga, Tennessee) – Product Liability Litigation-Defendants, 2022, 2019, 2017 & 2014
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Litigation-Banking & Finance; Product Liability Litigation-Defendants, since 2013
- *Martindale-Hubbell* – AV Preeminent Attorney Award (Peer Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*®, 2006-2013, 2018

## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- American Inn of Court, Justices Roy L. Brock, Jr. and Robert E. Cooper – Master
- Federal Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association – President, 2007-2008; Chair, Bench Bar Committee, 2023-2024
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women – Past President; Treasurer
- Litigation Counsel of America – Barrister, Order of Juris
- National Conference of Bar Presidents – Council, 2008-2011; Nominating Committee, 2016-2017
- SETLAW (Southeastern Tennessee Legal Association for Women)
- Southern Conference of Bar Presidents
- Tennessee Supreme Court Historic Society – Member (2018-Present); President (2024)

## COMMUNITY

- AIM Center – Former Chair
- Chattanooga and Hamilton County's Yellow Rose Centennial Committee to Celebrate the 19th Amendment, Co-Chair appointed by Chattanooga and Hamilton County Mayors
- Chattanooga Kids on the Block – Former Chair
- Chattanooga Mayor's Council on Women – Justice Committee, 2015-Present
- Girls Inc., Awarded Unbought and Unbossed, 2008
- Historical Society for Eastern District of Tennessee – Co-Chair
- Tennessee Women Foundation – Long-Standing Member
- United Way of Greater Chattanooga
- Vision 20/20 – Delegate for Tennessee

## EXPERIENCE

- Participated in successful prosecution of director and officer liability claims and fidelity bond claims in some of the largest bank failures of that time.
- Obtained multi-million-dollar settlement in 1990s for plaintiff landlord against a national retail chain.
- Has represented financial institutions successfully to dismissal in class action suits (both state and federal).
- Successfully obtained insurance coverage for claims in early stages of cyber security.







